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The First AIDS Breakthrough of the Year:

Approves Growth Hormone Treatment IND

By Jeff Getty and Matthew Sharp ACT UP/Golden Gate Writers' Pool

Norwell, Massachusetts-based biotech company Serono Inc. announced with little fanfare on Thursday, December 22 that the Food and Drug Administration had approved its plans for a Treatment IND

(Investigational New Drug) program for Serostim recombinant human growth hor-

Treatment with Serostim has shown significant results in reversing wasting syndrome in people with AIDS by increasing lean body mass. ACT UP/Golden Gate reported on growth hormone in the November 23 issue of Bay Area Reporter and was instrumental in achieving the

wider access announced on Thursday.

For people with AIDS, approval of a Treatment IND (TIND) means expanded access. Any AIDS patient who has a wasting diagnosis (at least ten percent body weight loss) could be eligible for this TIND. The program will be handled by Serono through the patient's physician.
Doctors must call Serono at 1-800-714-AIDS to receive start-up information. The physicians must then establish (Continued on page 21)

A LOOK BACK AT 1994

Memorable Stories from the Bay Area Reporter in 1994



Navy Lt. Zoe Dunning embraces SF Supervisor Carole Migden at the Harvey Milk Memorial March in November.

THE YEAR IN

by Kent Brandley and Dennis Conkin

Bette Midler ushered in 1994 with a three-hour New Year's Eve performance that raised \$250,000 for the San Francisco AIDS

Tim Lowe, former Falcon

adult film star and Campus Theater erotic dancer also known as Tim Cody, appeared in court charged in the 1993 murder of his roommate Allen Kinkead.

It appeared for a while that Florence Stroud would be appointed director of the San Francisco Health Department. Stroud had been acting director

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Lou Sheldon Goes To Washington

by Karen Ocamb

Perhaps only a Presidential victory by fellow-believers Pat Robertson or Patrick Buchanan could have brought the Reverend Lou Sheldon more joy than the recent off-year elections. Now the fervently anti-gay chair of the Anaheimhased Traditional Values Coalition has the ear of two of Washington's most powerful insiders - incoming Congressional Republicans Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich of Georgia, and Senate Majority Whip Trent Lott of Mississippi.

Lott and conservative moral values Loft and conservative moral values pontificator William Bennett were both featured in Sheldon's 1993 videotape Gay Rights/Special Rights: Inside the Homosexual Agenda, which was circulated in Congress. "This could be Lou's golden opportunity," Bennett said in a December 19 New York Times profile of Sheldon. Sheldon.

Indeed, Sheldon told *Times* reporter David Dunlap that Gingrich made a commitment to him last September to hold hearings on the subject of public school programs about homosexuality. Sheldon said Gingrich did not "want kindergarten children or elementary school children being taught, where Federal dollars are involved, that the homosexual lifestyle is just another kind of diversity." In the recently published

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are here at the capital because churches sent us here."

-Rev. Lou Sheldon

AMA Change Comes Slowly **Doctor's Orders: Stop** Trying To Change Gay People

by Dennis Conkin

Progress of a lasting sort usually takes a long time, and is sometimes even slower than it appears on the surface.

For example, the American Medical Association's landmark December 6 policy change regarding gay and les-bian sexual orientation earlier this

month was spurred by a meeting between AMA trustees and members of the Gay and Lesbian Mo Association board of directors back in 1993, according to GLMA executive director Ben Schatz.

That meeting prompted the re-examination of the AMA's standing policy since 1981, supporting aversion therapies and other therapies designed to

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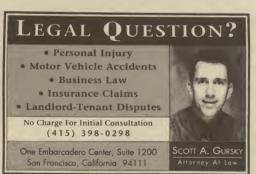
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COMMUNITY NEWS



Digital Queers co-chairs Karen Wickre and Tom Reilly

Digital Queers To Hold Court at MacWorld

by Dennis Conkin

Lesbian comic and scat singer Lea DeLaria will be among those performing at a Digital Queers benefit for Lambda Legal Defense Fund on Saturday, January 7.

Digital Queers is the national non-profit 800-

Digital Queers is the national non-profit 800-member organization of computer technology professionals and the fundraiser, called Love On Trial, is the group's third annual MacWorld Expo Computer Beauty Makeover.

The group has raised cash in the past to provide computer equipment upgrades to the National Lesbian and Gay Task Force and Frameline, producers of the annual San Francisco International Lesbian and Gay Film Festival.

Digital Queers has also provided basic computer equipment – such as terminals, printers, modems, and related software – to approximately 40 lesbian and gay groups throughout the country. The group has also attended to organizations' other computer-related needs, according to DQ

other computer-related needs, according to DQ co-chairs Karen Wickre and Tom Reilly, including training and help with creating mailing lists, sending and receiving e-mail, and producing flyers.

More than 60,000 people attend the annual MacWorld event, and DQ wants to give a respite

from the requisite - but often boring and drab and very straight – corporate networking at the event to the thousands of lesbians and gays from around

to the thousands of lesbians and gays from around the world who will gather at the site.

The group hopes to raise an estimated \$75,000 at the fundraiser. Reilly also noted that the annual parties, at which thousands of lesbian and gay computer and technology professionals network, have already had a positive impact: they have spawned at least two major love affairs among participants. participants

Participants.

Love On Trial will boast a judicial theme in honor of Lambda Legal Defense Fund, a group that was founded in 1973 to fight anti-gay and HIV-related discrimination nationally through test case litigation. The party will start next Saturday, 6 p.m. at the Center For The Arts at Yerba Buena Gardens, located at 701 Mission Street. A special private reception for major donors will begin at 5 p.m.

Admission is \$30 if paid in advance, or \$40 at the door. Donations of \$100 or more will be matched by the Gill Foundation. Reservations will be held at the door. ■

For more information or to purchase tickets, please call (415) 861-8523, fax at 864-8582 or email da95rsvp@aol.com.

New Campaign Targets Drug, **Alcohol Abuse Among Gays**

Gay and bisexual men with alcohol and drug problems are the target of a new campaign launched this month by 18th Street Services, the nation's largest substance gay men's substance abuse and HIV pro-

gram.
The "Had Enough?" campaign targets gay men with sub-stance abuse problems through stance abuse problems through ads in gay newspapers, as well as bus shelter signs in the Castro and other high gay density areas. It is sponsored by the San Francisco Department of Public Health, Gannett Outdoor Shelters, Chroma Copy, Earl Office Design, and through individual donations, according to Steve Burns, the agency's executive director.

executive director. Bilingual flyers and a special edition of the AIDS Update Viacom cable call-in television program on Tuesday, January

17 will also feature the cam-

paign.
"We don't talk about it much, but substance abuse is much, but substance abuse is every bit as serious an epidemic as HIV. And men who get loaded are far more likely to spread HIV through unsafe said Burns.

With an estimated \$1 million annual budget, the nationally renowned agency offers a confi-dential four-phase recovery program, individual and group counseling on an affordable sliding scale to more than 500 men a year, special services to people with HIV, culturally-specific recovery services specific recovery services including Spanish language, Latino, African-American, and Native American counselors and support groups, plus special services focusing on the needs of gay and bisexual men under 27 as well as deaf and hearing impaired gays.

Unlike other substance abuse

programs in the city, where people seeking drug treatment at publicly-funded programs fre-quently have to wait for several weeks until they can be seen by a counselor or enter a support group, the agency has no waiting list to enter treatment.

The 18th Street Services

staff are gay and bisexual and culturally diverse. Most are in recovery from alcohol or substance abuse.

The agency also provides the 18th Street Services Meeting, located at the corner of Market and 15th Streets, which hosts over 60 gay, bi, and lesbian Alcoholics Anonymous, Alcoholics Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous, and other twelve step meetings every week.

For more information contact 18th Street Services at 217 Church Street, San Francisco 94114 or call (415) 861-4898.

People of Color Groups Recognized by Cable Cars

Four gay and lesbian community organizations that comprise the Coalition of Color will be awarded the prestigious 1995 Bob Cramer Award of Excellence, the Cable Car Awards Board of Directors announced Tuesday, December 20.

AGUILAS, ELLAS, GAPA, and LGAD-DA will be the organizations sharing the award, said Bevan Dufty, speaking on behalf of the board. AGUILAS is the Latino gay men's organization; ELLAS, the Latina lesbian organization; GAPA, the Gay Asian Pacific Alliance; and LGADDA, Lesbians and Gays of African Descent for Democratic Action.

The Bob Cramer Award commemorates the founder of the Cable Car Awards, who gave over two decades of service to the lesbian and gay community. The Awards show will be held Saturday, March 11, 1995 at the Fashion Center, located at 699 Eighth Street. In terms of visibility and accomplishments by these organizations, 1994 was a banner year, Dufty said. He counted among their achievements:

• The Coalition of Color hosted a joint forum for candidates for this year's board of superviews election. AGUILAS, ELLAS, GAPA, and LGAD-

forum for candidates for this year's board of supervisors election.

• GAPA became part of the first gay/lesbian Asian/Pacific contingent to participate in both the San Francisco Chinese New Year and Cherry Blossom parades. GAPA also lobbied the Japanese American Citizens League, which passed a resolution supporting same-sex marriages.

• AGUILAS (which means "Eagles" in

Spanish) held their first awards dinner, which drew over 300 supporters. The banquet also honored San Francisco Health Director Dr. Sandra Hernandez and others.

AGUILAS also sponsored a gay/lesbian art exhibit last summer at the Mission Cultural Center.

ELLAS marched with its own contingent in this year's Cinco de Mayo parade and helped host the first national Latina Lesbian conference this past fall in Tucson, Arizona.
 LGADDA held its first awards dinner

this year with over 400 persons in attendance and an address by openly gay African-American Presidential assistant Keith Boykin. "These are just a few examples of what these organizations have achieved in terms

these organizations have achieved in terms of gaining recognition for the diversity of our community, which is also one of our greatest strengths," said Cable Car co-chair Chris Carnes. "It is equally significant that most of these organizations are also prominently involved in improving HIV prevention and AIDS care and treatment programs, to better reach and serve people of color. to better reach and serve people of color communities," Carnes added. "We are excited that this year's award will

"We are excited that this year's award will recognize the outstanding achievements of these four organizations that have energized their communities and challenged people of color communities and the lesbian and gay community to be more inclusive and sensitive to lesbians and gays of color," Cable Car co-chair Carlos Larranaga said. "Diversity is the hallmank of the movement for lesbians." the hallmark of the movement for lesbian

the natimark of the movement for lesbian and gay rights.

"We are tremendously proud of the work that these organizations have done to further this progress and to make our community more inclusive," added Larranaga.

For further information on the Cable Car Awards or to make nominations, ple call (415) 522-6810 or E-Mail cablecar@aol.com.

Log Cabinites Reaffirm Intent "To Champion" Gays

by Dennis Conkin

Steve Fond

The new president of the local gay Republican Log Cabin Club has sharp words for gay activists of the more traditional left-leaning variety. In his installation speech on December 20, President Steve Fong called for "charting a new course for the acceptance of gays in America" and blasted "radicals in the lesbian and gay community who opposed domestic partners legislation because it mimicked a straight idea."

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Fong denounced such "heterophobic radicals" in the community, and called them misguided.

"No more should the radical's tactics and misguided diase be the main voice of America," Fong said. It is unclear whether he intended to dispar-

age radical gays or the radical right.

Although Log Cabin members have been perceived as traitors to the gay liberation movement, Fong told the Bay Area Reporter the club's real mission is "to champion lesbian and gays as human beings with wholly integrated personalities, in which sexual orientation is but one quality

ues, in which sexual orientation is but one quality of the human condition."

The gay Republican club was founded in 1977 to organize opposition to the anti-gay Brigg's initiative that would have prevented lesbians and gays from working as teachers or other education professionals.

professionals.

Fong, 26, is the youngest member to be elected the group's president.

A onetime co-chair of the Lesbian and Gay Alliance at City College,
Fong was also involved in the Matt Fong for State Treasurer campaign,
and served on the Lee Dolson for Community College campaign.

Local Republican officials and appointees attended the annual installation.

Other office holders installed at the event included vice presidents
Mike German and Michael Barger, treasurer Michael Gallardo, and
recording secretary Chris Bowman. Newly installed directors included
Barbara Chiodo, Arthur Collingsworth, Scott King, Paul Lynd, Jim
Rogers, and Robert Speer.

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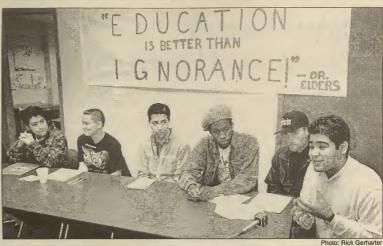
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COMMUNITY NEWS



Robert Fernandez (right), 17, spoke at a youth speak-out about sex education, sexuality and masturbation, which was held Dec. 19 by the Hospitality House Youth Program. The event, prompted by the firing of Surgeon General Joycelyn Elders, featured seven youths speaking about the need for honesty and education when talking about sex.

Peer Counselor: "I Promote People To Touch Themselves"

Bay Area Teens Admit: Masturbation Exists!

by John Antalek

Francisco San Adolescent HIV Coalition responded to the firing of Surgeon General Joycelyn Elders at a December 19 press conference at which teens and young adults spoke their minds about sex education, masturba-tion, and sexuality. A panel of seven youth from the ages of 15 to 23 discussed the need for adults and policy makers to deal honestly and frankly with today's kids in the face of AIDS.

"Today's youth is the highest group at risk to contract HIV," group at risk to contract HIV," said Hector Morfine, 23, who is HIV-positive and a member of the 26-and-under organization Bay Positives. "I couldn't ask my parents, there was no one to turn to. If adults don't validate us, we are going to lose a big generation."

Yesenia Aguirre, 19, said the firing of Surgeon General Elders is a perfect example of how society is afraid to talk about alternatives to sexual

intercourse, even though kids are taught that sex should be avoided.

'This shows the influence the 'this snows the influence the conservative party really has,' Aguirre said. "When we get someone bold enough to give [alternative] options, Washington gets scared and their solution is to get rid of that person."

The panel spoke of alternative options to sex, as well as protective measures to use during sex, such as condoms and dental dams. The group encouraged policymakers to listen to kids' opinions before making decisions that effect them.

decisions that effect them.

"Kids get high, have sex, and don't think about condoms. It's important to teach reality," Ariel Sosna, 17, a George Washington High School student and peer counselor, stated. "Students are going to have sex and they should be taught how to use a condom. Most physical is another." condom. Masturbation is another way to learn about their own sexuality and relieve themselves

Sosna added that learning to take care of oneself is a very complicated process.

"I know my limits better now that I am older," she stated. Peer educator Ethan Patchell,

20, said that the government should not deprive students of vital information about a life and death issue, not a right or wrong issue.

"Conservatives need to wake up," Patchell said. "I promote people to touch themselves and to get to know their own body -how it feels and how it looks."

The group feels that Elders was wrongfully fired from her position and that she should be hired back but admit that there is little hope of that happening. They do hope that her replacement will continue to speak out boldly and honestly on critical

the panel that summed up the point of the discussion. It was a quote by Dr. Elders that read: "Education is definitely better than ignorance."

Study on Inpatient HIV Testing: The Costs Outweigh the Benefits



the UCSF Center for AIDS Preven-tion Studies: "Because the HIV test is imperfect, some inpatients will test though they are not infected." by Kent Brandley

The cost of providing voluntary HIV counseling and testing of all hospital

The cost of providing voluntary HIV counseling and testing of all hospital inpatients to protect healthcare workers would far outweigh the benefits, a new University of California San Francisco study has found.

If all inpatients were offered HIV counseling and testing, 3.6 healthcare worker HIV infections per year might be prevented, UCSF researchers estimated, at a total annual program cost of \$2.7 billion. That works out to \$753 million per infection averted, according to lead author Dr. Peter Lurie of the UCSF Center for AIDS Prevention Studies.

Any widespread HIV screening program can produce both positive and negative effects, according to Lurie. "HIV-infected inpatients identified through such a program could be referred for early medical management of infection and could be counseled to reduce the risk of HIV transmission to their sex partners," he says.

"However, because the HIV test is imperfect, some inpatients will test HIV-positive even though they are not infected," Lurie adds. "If testing is limited to hospitals where at least one percent of inpatients have HIV, about 56,400 people a year will be falsely labeled HIV-positive, with potentially devastating concentrates for the inserting all line." sequences for their personal lives."

The study was published in the December 21 issue of *The Journal of the*

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Straight Victim of Anti-Gay Crime Blasts SFPD Response

What started out as a relaxwhat started out as a relaxing cigarette break for an employee of a financial district brokerage firm on October 14 became, almost without warning, a harrowing and life-threatening incident that the victim knew was an anti-lesbian attack.

The victim is a straight

The victim is a straight woman. Her case shows that heterosexuals are not immune to homophobic violence, and that police are still unsure how to

deal with such incidents.

When Dina Scibetti first saw
her attacker outside the BART her attacker outside the BART station at Montgomery and Post that day, she told the Bay Area Reporter, "He started urinating, and then when I said, 'Ooh, how gross,' he stood over me and spat on me."

When the 25-year-old San Expresses registers registers registers registers and the same framework of the stood over the same statements.

when the Zs-year-old San Francisco resident protested, the man, identified as Herbert John Derungs, allegedly yelled, "You wish you were a man, you dyke, you lesbian."

you lesbian."
Scibetti told the B.A.R. she assumes Derungs thought she was a lesbian because of the baggy pants she wore. "It was a dress-down day for me," she said, "but if I'd been dressed in a skirt I probably would have been a 'slut' to him."

A converter say, the sitter

A co-worker saw the situa-tion, Scibetti said, but Derungs tion, Scheen said, but Derungs ignored his plea to "leave her alone." Instead, she alleged, Derungs told her, "You probably think you have a penis in your pants. I'll show you what a man s," and then punched her in the

face.

Derungs then started chasing traffic her through the bustling traffic area adjacent to the Galleria shopping mall, Scibetti said.
"Only the car traffic saved me
from being raped." Finally,
security guards from the
Galleria apprehended Derungs
before police appeared.

And then it not worse.

And then it got worse.

When the police arrived,
Scibetti told the B.A.R., the
responding officer L. Sorhond
did not comfort her. In fact, she said, she was victimized a second time by Sorhond's insensitivity.

"He only charged the incident as a battery," she said, "and refused to report it as a hatemotivated, anti-gay attack, primarily because I told him I am

In trying to follow up on her case, Scibetti encountered still more insensitivity from prosecutors and their staffs, as well as a police officer at General Works where case files are kept and a receptionist at the San Francisco Police Department's Hate Crimes unit.

"The receptionist told me I probably couldn't have the incident reclassified as a hate crime because I am not gay," she recalled angrily.

recalled angrily.

Scibetti said the decision by the district attorney's office to reclassify the case as a hate crime (on December 6, seven weeks after the attack) only came about because she screamed at a D.A. investigator and asked Community United Against Violence to intervene.

"Such incidents are not uncommon, despite the SFPD's national reputation for being sensitive to gay and lesbian hate violence victims and working

violence victims and working with community groups," according to Leslie Addison, CUAV's hate crime client advo-

cate. She added that an average of two incidents each month, of some 350 incidents reported every year, involve instances in which police initially refused to record an incident as hate-moti-

vated.

"What makes the Derungs "What makes the Derungs case stand out is that the victim is a heterosexual who saw this as an anti-gay and lesbian case," she said. Fortunately, Scibetti knew of CUAV's existence through a gay co-worker.

Sandi Bargioni of the SFPD Hate Crimes Unit told the Bay Area Reporter that "officers are always told to weigh in favor of the victim's perception of why

always told to weight in favor of the victim's perception of why the incident occurred, and to at least send us a copy of the report for review and possible reas-signment."

Chuck Haines, a gay prosecutor in the Hate Crimes Unit, was not available for comment

at press time.

Addison told the B.A.R. that since she began working for CUAV last June, she has suc-cessfully gotten three of five cases reclassified as hate-moti-vated. She said other cases were ont requested to be reclassified, either because the defendant could not be found or because the victim's injuries were so slight the case was not likely to be prosecuted or the legal definition of a hate crime was not met.



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BAPHR Shells Out \$41.8 K in **Grant Money**

by Dennis Conkin

The Bay Area Physicians For Human Rights Foundation has announced the recipients of its annual funding cycle for

the fiscal 1994 year.

The foundation has distributed a total of \$41,807 this year to more than a dozen groups that provide lesbian and gay spe-

cific services.

The foundation's grants come from contributions made by lesbian and gay physicians throughout Northern California in support of lesbian and gay causes.

The group is the philanthropic arm of Bay Area Physicians for Human Rights, a gay and lesbian physician's group that has played a leadership role in local healthcare issues including AIDS.

The 1994 Grants include \$5,000 to Kairos Support For Caregivers to subsidize workshops of caregiving for people who are in later stages of AIDS; \$3,180 to Marin AIDS Project for HIV prevention media ads; \$2,000 to the Healing Alternatives Foundation for a treatment and resource library for clients; \$1,800 to Most Holy Redeemer AIDS Support Group for an educational forum on burnout; and \$4,500 to Woman Inc. to initiate a lesbian domestic violence program.

Group for an educational forum on burnout; and \$4,500 to Woman Inc. to initiate a lesbian domestic violence program. Other groups receiving assistance included the S.F. Unified School District's Gay and Lesbian Support Service program, which received \$2,500 to develop a video for lesbian and gay youth, and Community Consortium/UCSF, which received \$5,266 for computer equipment that will link local physicians to HIV trial information and databases. ▼

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EDITORIAL

New Year's Resolutions and Revolutions

t's hard to believe we're saying this, but we're almost sorry to see 1994 come to an end. Not because it was ever a favorite year or anything, obvi-ously, but because we suspect we might look back at it fondly once the

might look back at it fondly once the cold winds of 1995 come whistling in.

Don't misunderstand: we don't fear the new year, despite the notion of Gingrich and Jesse and Dole (oh, my!) lurking around the corner. Even with 365 days of 1995 stretching before us, we're painfully aware that there isn't enough time to be affold. here isn't enough time to be afraid. Not when there are friends and lovers to be tended to, gay kids to be supported, people at risk for HIV to be educated, and – just as importantly – joy and love to be shared. We're too busy to be fearful, and too angry.

We have reported on far too many

wonderful gays and lesbians over the last 12 months to let ourselves be cowed into submission by blustering bigots. So we've resolved on the cusp of the new year that we will not be bulled in 1995. We will not be lectured to about values by Deadbeat Dad Newt Gingrich; we will not put up with windy tales of homosexual recruiting from Jesse Helms, particularly when his hands reek of tobacco – an industry that does aggressively recruit teens, as

he knows; nor will we suffer any of the

he knows; nor will we suffer any of the other fools who vilify us.

We will fight when necessary, and politic when possible, but mostly we'll go on as we always have, being an example to the rest of this country. And through it all we will make it known to the people who took out that Contract on America excuse us, with America - that if it's America they're interested in, we are it at

To return to our point about the lor fetum to our point about the lack of available time to be fright-ened, we should mention last weekend's turkey-and-all-the-trimmings dinner for HIV-positive Bay Area residents, sponsored by the AIDS Emergency Fund. We are proud of all the people who generously give their time for such events. They already know that giving time to others who know that giving time to others who are less fortunate leaves absolutely none for the great thief fear.

Watching the volunteers who spent their Christmas Eve serving others – the living embodiments of genuinely Christian principles – was more heartwarming and spiritual for us than all the religious services we've ever attended, combined. (Also, just for the record, at least a few of those volunteers reportedly

made romantic contact with each other while doing their good deeds, so anyone who's looking for a reason to get involved next year might con-sider the possible, er, ramifications.) Whenever we see that kind of out-

Whenever we see that kind of out-reach to others we know we cannot be harmed by Gingrich or the rest of those who try to crush us. Now, if only the media will cover our efforts to make this a better country (and on how the far right is wrecking it) 1995 may turn out to be pretty great, indeed.

One more thing: the Castro Special Patrol (those rented cops patrolling the area) get our Scrooge Award, after publishing a newsletter that tries to justify the group's existence. Unfortunately, the very first line of the first story of the first issue reads, "With the discovery of odd," a tremendous flood discovery of odd, a tremendous flood discovery of gold, a tremendous flood of immigration began, making even more critical the need for more police." The next sentence begins "Thousands of immigrants..." and the one after that begins "Convicts, criminals, and prospectors."

nals, and prospectors..."

The whole thing is so ugly it stinks, making us wonder if those who oppose the Special Patrol aren't absolutely right to question whether it really belongs in our community.

GUEST OPINION

Wade's Requiem



IDS has become just what we never wanted it to: another intractable social ill. The numbers are mind numbing – 250,000 Americans dead, entire generations wiped out in some African nations, 30 – 40 million people HIV infected worldwide – and the death toll is still rising, with no hope in sight. I don't know how much more anger I have in me to fight this disease. Because we're not fighting just the disease, and we never have been.

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First we were fighting the fear and ignorance in our own community, then the fear, ignorance, and ineptitude of the medical research industry, then the fear, ignorance, ineptitude, and immobility of the government. And as if that weren't enough, we have to fight the outright hatred of the radical religious right who blame queers for everything that has ever gone wrong in their god-fearing existence. We have never been able to address this disease as a public health issue. We have had to fight for every penny of support, every word of coverage and every scrap of acknowledgment. And yet those in positions of power caution us to be more "savvy," that we must learn to work the system in order to get what we want.

If we had listened to that cant, as those who have been fighting for queer rights seem to have, the body count would be double what it is today. For too long we have secretly admired what groups like ACT UP have done, while publicly downplaying their role in this fight and disassociating ourselves from "those people." For too long we have been satisfied with the meagre resources allocated to fighting this epidemic, and have been happy to take a seat at the table when it is offered to us. For too long we have been willing to accept what "they" will give us.

I got involved with ACT UP because I had to. Not because I was HIV positive, or had lost a lover to AIDS, or needed some diversion in my life, but because not doing anything was criminal. I felt that I had to do something — to stand up and be counted. For two years I was in the "trenches" as a treatment activist, educating, lobbying, demonstrating and trying to make a difference. And after two years I was burned out. But now another friend has died, and this time it is different. And I don't know what its more frightening to me — the fact that other people have died and it has stopped affecting me, or that

John D. Kimball

stopped affecting me, or that it took Wade's death to motivate me to start the fight again.

Wade was the co-facilitator of the Treatment Committee for ACT UP Los Angeles when I got involved. He taught me the ropes of the activist game and made me feel that I had something to contribute to the fight, and after a few months asked me to join him as co-facilitator for the committee. And now he is gone. But his death is not easy for me, as others have become. I want his life to have counted, and it isn't enough for me to know that he made a difference in my life. I feel a self-imposed obligation to carry on the fight in his memory. I don't want to plant a tree for him, or add a patch to the quilt with fluffy reminders of his life. I want someone

to take responsibility for his death and tell me why he died. I want his death to be different from the 250,000 others. I don't want life to go on as before, as if he wasn't here and didn't die of AIDS. I don't want expressions of sympathy or sorrow from friends, I want answers. I want results. I want

sorrow from friends, I want answers. I want results. I want change. I want someone to tell me why his death is different. And that's the problem. No one can tell me that. Because his death isn't different. There was no news flash when he died. There is no TV special. He won't be on a postage stamp. There is no foundation. And yet his death has to be different. Just as all 250,000 deaths have to be different. AIDS is not something I want people to be comfortable with. I want people to be upset. I want people to be scared, because that is what motivates change.

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what motivates change.

I don't want their grieving. Grieving doesn't change the world. Anger changes the world. When you are disenfranchised, grieving doesn't get you noticed. Anger does. In a culture where personal happiness and comfort are the ultimate goals, anger is the currency of change. I can throw platitudes and aphorisms around with the best of them to try to make this point, but the simple words are grouph Nothing.

make this point, but the simple words are enough. Nothing will happen until we make it happen.

We need to concentrate on care for people living with AIDS and focus on prevention and education. AIDS is a public health issue, not a moral one. People living with AIDS should not have to worry about where their next meal the control of th is coming from, let alone how they will pay for their drugs. And I will not tolerate people clouding the issue of AIDS prevention with specious references to family values. AIDS will not go away simply by wishing or praying. People and children will get AIDS if they do not know how to prevent it and if they do not have access to condoms. AIDS education does not cause AIDS. Ignorance does.

None of this is new or groundbreaking. Treatment activists have long known this. And no one community owns

activists have long known this. And no one community owns AIDS. Gay men were the first to organize and are still in the front ranks. But we have to make room for other communities. We serve no good interest arguing over how to divide limited resources. What we need to do is make the pie bigger so that the government and the medical research industry and drug companies are responding to all of our needs. There is no one way to fight this epidemic. We must use every means at our disposal to make a difference. Words are one of mine. Activism is another. And Wade's memory serves me too. What will you use? What will it take for you to leave the comfort of your home and to risk making a difference? How many friends have to die? How many strangers have to perish? How many times do you want to cry before you decide that this time is different? I want you to be angry, I want you to be offended, I want you to have a reaction to these words. I want you to be able to tell me that Wade's death is different. And if you cannot, then you had better start planning your own funeral, because you have stopped living if one more death does not matter to you.

LETTERS

On African-American Leadership

In 1994, the year the nation goes Republican and Conservative, San Francisco stays Liberal and Democratic. This should make us feel like we live in the only safe liberal haven in America, but under the liberal facade that San Francisco holds out to the rest of the country I am troubled to find a streak of racism.

liberal facade that San Francisco holds out to the rest of the country I am troubled to find a streak of racism. The truth is San Francisco is a very tough town for African-Americans. We are a dwindling population and are dealing with a system that has kept us out of the forefront of city government. I believe of the many commissions that provide leadership to San Francisco, only one has an African-American president.

Visitation Valley, Bay View Hunters Point, and the Mission are under-served neighborhoods. We must empower these communities that are in great need. We must wake up and increase African-American participation, particularly African-American males who are a positive role model for young people, into the forefront of city government. It is incumbent upon this great liberal city to understand the importance of African-American leadership as part of its diversity. Partnership between business, the neighborhood and city government is essential to our community growth.

Because the future of minority leadership must never be lost, I will not let any of the negative aspects of the past 12 months deter me in my goal of becoming a San Francisco Supervisor. Even more than my personal goals, I have a commitment to the election of African-Americans. We must carry on the traditions of role models like Willie Kennedy, Doris Ward, and Willie Brown. On this journey I hope that those people who believe in accountable and responsible government, jobs and paychecks,

hope that those people who believe in accountable and responsible government, jobs and paychecks, healthcare access, public safety, education and prevention programs for young people, and respect for individual rights will join me in the march to victory in 1996. Also, I hope that those 20,000 plus people who voted for me, a figure that was increasing daily, will heed my council in the 1995 mayoral election as we look for someone who shares our vision of a better San Francisco. Together we will make San Francisco the best place to call home

Arthur M. Jackson, President San Francisco Health Commission

I Am Not a Dirty Word

The terms "right-wing" or "conservative" are not dirty words. Not all gay Americans are liberal Democrats, many hold views on certain issues that might be viewed as conservative. A survey by the Advocate found that 34 percent of gay voters are Republicans and Independents. Gay leaders should stop making "boogey men" out of people who don't pass their own "politically correct" liberal litmus test litmus test.

And it's time for gay leaders to address homophobia in *both* political parties. Since 1980, every other phrase from gay leaders has been "Republican Jesse Helms this or Republican Jesse Helms that." It's time to confront non-supportive Senate
Democrats like Kentucky's Wendell Ford, Nebraska's Jim Exon, North Dakota's Byron Dorgan – ka's Jim Exon, North Ďakota's Byron Dorgan – each has a record on gay issues just as bad as many Republicans. And yes, we all know that GOP Congressman Bob Dornan from California has a zero rating on gay issues as do many Republicans. But so do several Democratic Congressman: Louisiana's Billy Tauzin, Mississippi's Mike Parker, Missouri's Ike Skelton, New York's Michael McNulty, Oklahoma's Bill Brewster, Pennsylvania's Tim Holden, Tennessee's Bob Clement, Texas's Pete Geren, Virginia's Lewis Payne, to name a few.

Gary D. Bastian President, Republicans for Individual Freedoms

Halloween Hooliganism

I'm really angry about Halloween '94. What a Castro, and I could not believe all the gang members. It looked like a convention for criminals. They were lurking in doorways and alleyways. I ran into my house thinking I was safe, and the next thing I knew someone was jumping across my roof. I ran on to my deck to see gang members running off my roof onto my neighbor's roof and disappearing onto someone's stairway.

So if anyone thinks that Halloween '95 will end when you lock your door, think again. You might have a visitor on your roof next year, and it won't

David O'Neil San Francisco

Miller Admired

Thank you, Tony Miller,

Thank you, Tony Miller.

Having spent the last six months as a volunteer in the "Tony Miller for Secretary of State" campaign office, I feel qualified to alert our community to the remarkable candidacy of Tony and his campaign staff. Never did they resort to the negativism so characteristic of candidates for other offices. Tony was determined to maintain the integrity he has exhibited throughout his preferenced by the property of the product of the pro determined to maintain the integrity he has exhibited throughout his professional and private lives. Even though he was trapped by an anti-incumbent, anti-Democrat tide and was defeated by the author of the grossly popular "Three Strikes" laws, Tony gamered more voted than any openly gay candidate in the history of state and federal elections, losing by far less than one percent of total votes cast.

Certainly Tony, with his partner, Peter, are to be admired not only by us in the gay community, but by all people who pursue what is just in our society. Please join me in wishing Tony and Peter good fortune in their years ahead.

Bob Rowe Sacramento, CA

Traditional, Not Alternative

There is confusion about the role of Chinese medicine in healthcare today. It is often labeled "alternative medicine," although this is merely a cultural prejudice. People show disrespect for traditional medicine by labeling it "alternative." Is all of Chinese culture "alternative" or just its medicine? Where is our cultural competency? The label "alternative" adds no meaning except "other than" or "not." It denies standing to a system of medicine that serves more people on the planet than any other system. It says that traditional Chinese medicine is not really medicine. We reject the "alternative" label.

"Complementary" is just as meaningless. Drugs and surgery are complementary treatments used against cancer, but they are not labeled that way. Complementary medicines should be used together equally, but that is clearly not the case with Chinese medicine. (The exception is in China where so-called There is confusion about the role of Chinese med-

medicine. (The exception is in China where so-called "Western" medicine is well established as an equal complement to the traditional medicines of China.)

In California, acupuncturists are licensed by the Medical Board as primary health care providers. They

Medical Board as primary health care providers. They are licensed to provide primary care and are not required to work under an M.D. Still, the work of licensed acupuncturists is not recognized as medicine. The American College of Traditional Chinese Medicine has been trying unsuccessfully for almost two years to obtain clinical privileges for its faculty at San Francisco General Hospital. Privileges are controlled by the University of California-San Francisco medical school, which does not recognize acupuncturists as health care providers. Acupuncture is not in the curriculum at UCSF and therefore one might conclude that acupuncture is not part of medicine. When clude that acupuncture is not part of medicine. When our patients are hospitalized, they are denied treat-

our patients are hospitalized, they are denied treatment by their acupuncturist for no good cause.

It is time to put an end to the prejudicial mislabeling of Chinese medicine. Such labeling impacts funding decisions and denies people access to the medicines of their choice. Some may feel that there is inadequate clinical data to support the recognition of Chinese medicine, but published accept their found seein and again that Chinese recognition of Chinese medicine, our published reports have found again and again that Chinese medicine alleviates symptoms and improves quali-ty of life. A great deal of research has been done in China, but very little in the U.S. Consider the license with which toxic drugs are routinely given

license with which toxic drugs are routinely given to people and compare that to the safe, non-toxic therapies offered by traditional Chinese medicine. We must insist that Chinese medicine cease being marginalized as "alternative" or "complementary." The labels are meaningless and condescending. The world is no longer defined by Western/American values alone. Traditional Chinese medicine is medicine and nothing less

> Howard Moffet, MS, LAc Clinic Director, American College of Traditional Chinese Medicine Community Clinic San Francisco

Supporting the New Main

I just wanted to let you know how much I appreciated Kent Brandley's article on the Gay and Lesbian Center of the New Main. Well-written, nicely presented, and very effective for us, too. We've received a number of calls and donations as a result of the articles. Thank you for your support.

> Bill Hayes Development Associate, James C. Hormel Gay and Lesbian Center San Francisco (Continued on page 8)

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LETTERS

(Continued from page 7)

Tim Hammond and other fanatical anti-circum-cisionists are just one more product of our increas-ingly litigious culture of victimization. Sue my doctor for having circumcised me? Why not just sue your parents for having brought you, against

sue your parents for having brought you, against your will, into this cruel world?

How dare these people call circumcised men"mutilated"? Do they really believe aspersions against cut men will bring social equilibrium for uncut guys who are unfairly called "dirty"? If they want to convince anyone that being uncut is okay in our culture, which by a narrow 60-40 margin (according to the article) values cut over uncut, don't not unently men days put a positive snip on uncut date of the date o typical of his hysterical exaggerating. From years of experience with an uncut lover I assure you that the increased sensitivity of an uncut dick does not translate into "heightened sexual pleasure," it merely lowers the threshold of tolerating activities that do.

lowers the threshold of tolerating activities that do. Hammond's pathetic attempt to equate parents receiving a circumcision consent form with one for a mastectomy or appendectomy for a newborn is as far-fetched as his cohorts' glorification of surgery to reconstruct a previously removed foreskin. Talk about mutilation, I bet the results of that are pretty. While they're at it, why don't they advocate for reconstructing other vestigial attributes like tails? Hammond cites "Canadian research" which purports that foreskin has a "protective function." What does it protect against, we're not exactly running around naked in the bush anymore. Hammond wants us to believe that circumcision causes problems analogous to the smegma, persistent infec-

lems analogous to the smegma, persistent infec-tions and higher maintenance routinely found in tions and higher maintenance routinely found in uncut dicks. But using the same information cited in the article he refers to, that "nearly 100" men wrote to the former head of The American Urological Association to complain about "problems" resulting from being circumcised, by not writing, we can infer that the other hundred million or so cut Americans don't have problems.

Hammond's sense of irresponsible, negative political hyperbole has totally alienated me from his cause. I'll be damned before he or anyone else takes away my right to enjoy cut meat. Has it ever occurred to him that the reason there hasn't been any research into "adverse outcomes" of circumcision is because there aren't any to speak of?

I'm sorry if he was ostracized as a kid for being

I'm sorry if he was ostracized as a kid for being uncut, but that's no excuse for the inflammatory, retributive lies he's spouting. Isn't it bad enough we have the religious right politicizing our bodies and what we do with them without doing it to ourselves? Besides, what the hell is Hammond worried about anyway, there are plenty of guys out there who prefer uncut meat, so stop wasting time condemning cut men and go out and find what you want. The whining of the anti-circumcisionists is exactly the kind of useless, belligerent posturing that will com-pel someone to start a counter-protest, and given the majority in this case, Hammond will lose. Leave it

alone, enjoy your meat however you like it.

One suggestion to Hammond: find another word for "prepuee," it's got to be one of the ugliest English words; if you hate the word foreskin so much make something else up, love-sheath, sugarcoat, anything but prepuce.

> Frederick Hovey San Francisco

Fight Against Genital Alterations

One wonders why some gay men cling so tenaciously to the idea that infant circumcision is the clously to the local that initial circumcission is the best thing since sliced bread and that no one should dare oppose it. We have always fought for the right to love whom we wish, to choose medical treatments that are right for us, to allow women reproductive control over their bodies, and even to change our gender if we wish. It seems consistent then that gays and lesbians should be involved in the fight against forced genital alterations of chil-dren. It's called respect for individual rights.

San Francisco

Letters to the **Bay Area Reporter** must be signed and mailed; anonymous letters and faxed letters will not be published. We prefer that letters be typewritten and double-spaced. Handwritten letters will be considered for publication only if clearly legible. Letters may be edited for length or other appropriate consideration. We have problems about the results of the letter about the representation. ably had enough letters about circumcision

No Cuts, Please, We're British

In regards to your recent column regarding circumcision, I would like to offer you an event with my nephew. I was born in England, where infant circumcision hasn't been practised for almost 50 years. My brother had a son with an American girlfriend a few years ago. We find the idea of circumcising an infant male (or female) horrifying. However on a intant male (or female) horrifying. However on a return visit to the States his girlfriend took their 3-year-old son to a physician to be circumcised without my brother's knowledge or consent. Her reasoning was she "preferred the look" of an exposed glans. The son screamed in pain and pulled partially away from the restraints and the doctor actually severed about 1/3 of the glans. Reconstruction surgery have made the appearance even worse. They have had tremendous medical payments as her surgery have made the appearance even worse. They have had tremendous medical payments as her insurance would not cover the repair of the mishap as the first surgery was considered cosmetic, even if the insurance did pay for it.

What puzzles me is why you Americans feel so compelled to amputate part of your son's normal and healthy genitals, and then dismiss the operation as trivial. Most American men are so insecure with their bodies that they can't even discuss this Part of the mobilem

ial. Most American men are so insecure with their bodies that they can't even discuss this. Part of the problem is your health system operates on profit. Your physicians earn their living by selling you their services, often whether you need them or not. In Britain the physicians are only paid by performing services which are actually needed. I am 42 and have never had any problems with my foreskin or penis. But if I ever did get an infection, a simple dose of penicillin would be such sefer and less expensive that surgery. But in the get an infection, a simple dose of penicillin would be much safer and less expensive than surgery. But in the States you believe it is better to amputate every male's foreskins ... just in case. We have disproved your so-called benefits decades ago, but American physicians never believe anyone else's medical research except their own. Americans now say circumcision will prevent getting AIDS and are trying to promote this worldwide. And you believe this! Any man with their normal foreskin would laugh at your ignorance.

What also intrigues me is while American women demand rights over their bodies, American men haven't demanded the same for themselves. A parent should simply not be allowed to sever a healthy part of their child's body for any reason. For me, I thank God I was born in the UK and never had to fear about being left whole and

never had to fear about being left whole and healthy. For my nephew (now 8 years old), I feel quite sorry for the little guy. I also feel sorry for the quite sorry for the little guy. I also reet sorry for the rest of you American men who will neither know or perhaps care about what your have missed with complete genitals denied to you without your consent due to the endless pursuit of the almighty American dollar by your physicians. And yes, the foreskin is the most feeling part of a man's body.

Mr. R. T. Whitehead Staines, Middlesex, England

Lesbian New Year's Resolutions

Listed below are a few ideas I want to implement to improve myself in 1995.

• Start a Lesbian Potluck-Recovery Group

* Start a Lesonan Polluck-Recovery Group
A nurturing support group for women who are just
tired of carrying covered dishes every time they leave
the house and can't face one more clever casserole
recipe. We'll meet once a week in a real restaurant
and discuss absolutely nothing of importance.

* Carry a Purse Again

and discuss absolutely nothing of importance.

• Carry a Purse Again
I can't possibly fit everything I want with me in my
back pocket. Besides that, putting a wallet in my back
pocket adds an extra lump on my right cheek, which
as I get older is becoming less and less attractive.

• Lose Weight
Although I know the classic "pear shape" is very
popular among lesbians, buying business suits and
swimsuits is difficult unless you shop where you can
mix and match so the tops and bottoms don't have to mix and match so the tops and bottoms don't have to

be the same size.
• Join an Aerobics Class

Hey! There are gorgeous women at these classes who are in terrific shape and wear tight clothing.

· Read More

While reading microwave directions and personal ads has been rewarding, I think it's time I move on to something a bit more intellectually challenging.
 Join Shoppers Anonymous

Join Shoppers Anonymous
 I can't seem to go into a sporting goods or hardware store without buying something! Why is it all sports seem to require some kind of glove? And why is it the popular color changes each year?

 Be a Better Listener
 Try to help my friends in their times of need.
 (Besides, it's easier to deal with someone else's problems than to face my own)

lems than to face my own.)

 Save Money
I'll have to start out small. Maybe get a job first! • Try to Communicate with my Family Nah! Maybe in '96.

San Francisco

The Mormon Model

have seen the queer future
... and it is Salt Lake City.
Well, not exactly. But,
Temple Square in Salt Lake
may well be an omen. Consider

'Twas the week before Christmas and off to the chair

my girlfriend and I went as our holiday gift.

Commentary

She in her parka, and I in my goggles, flew to Park City to find us

some moguls.

The skiing was great, then back to the airport we sped as Angels in America danced through our heads.

All those Mormon references

All those Mormon references in Kushner's play made us want to learn as much as we could in one day.

We took a tour of Temple

Square,

and found far more than a temple there.

A full ten acres in the heart of

dedicated to the Latter-day Saints abounds. Across the street. Zion Bank

stands

so Mormons can put their money in safe Mormon hands. Then, of course, there's also

ZCMI where from Mormons all

sorts of goods one can buy.

There's a host of products rarely seen

by those outside the Mormon

mainstream books, art, and T-shirts for

the Mormon buyer, and far more music than the Tabernacle Choir. There's Brigham Young's home, a Mormon history muse-

and scores of Mormon videos

if you have time to see 'em.

The Promised Valley
Playhouse has been neatly

restored.

A 200-computer center is

where Mormon genealogy is stored. It was overwhelming to see a

It was overwhelming to see a minority culture so fully dominate a city of Salt Lake City's stature. I thought of the ways the gay

and lesbian minority
have moved to have a nation

as well as local community.

We have stores, T-shirts, magazines, to call our own, and I can use a gay long-dis-

tance service on my telephone.
There's a gay credit card, our
own gay elite,

and competitions for the gay athlete.

athlete.
So what's coming next? The
Harvey Milk House tour?
The First Amazon Bank? Or
Eureka Theatre restored?
A monolith like The Church
of Jesus Christ of the Latter-day

admit, the American community, certainly I'll queer

But, if hatred and oppression could force Mormon pioneers to map the straight roads of Salt Lake City back 150 years,

is it that outrageous to imag-ine that current political trends might force a not-so-straight migration before the century

ends?
We'll build the Great
Triangle instead of a square,
then, a hundred years, a
whole queer city will stand



Harvey Milk House tour?

all it paradoxical, per-haps even an oxy-Mormon, but I do think there's room for comthere's room for com-parison between queer culture and The Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter-day Saints (LDS). Both are relatively invisible sub-cultures in this society. Mormons may fare better in U.S. history textbooks than gays and leshias but when was the and lesbians, but when was the last time you saw a television sitcom feature a Mormon? Aside from professional athletes and the Osmonds, can you name any celebrity Mormons?

Both groups have been asso-

ciated with sexual deviance. What most non-Mormons know of Mormons probably has to do

with a single history unit in high school or a television talk show which plays on those sensational and sexual elements of the culture – namely polygamy and Mormon underwear.

All this said, my poem still may have taken me to new heights in hyperbole. Long lost are the days of land claims such as the one Brigham Young and as the one Brignam Young and his followers made. And we might have more problems "people-ing" our province, unless we, too, encouraged some form of non-monogamy.

Ties that bind

While faith in the church and its teachings holds Mormons together, there's little but oppression and fear to loosely bind the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people into some kind of community. And, though some may label others within the boundaries of queer, we have dissension and dispute

rather than ex-communication.

Furthermore, shared beliefs that bind Mormon culture can be passed on from one generation to the next within the family structure more readily than any "gay" commonalties are passed between gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people. Since we emerge from the mainstream - at least the heterosexual one -we would have to tear ourselves from our roots if we were to form a Salt Lake City of our own.

a Salt Lake City of our own.

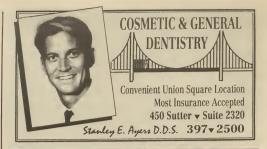
But even if queers of all persuasions could gather up and carve a path to "unoccupied" territory (and, for argument's sake, let us agree that the land truly is unoccupied and ours for the taking), would we want to? Might we do better to put our trust in the funky mix of liberalism in the Bay Area and simply secede from California in our current quasi-mecca-hood?

current quasi-mecca-hood?

The United States may be too large and too varied for a central government to serve all the people. The current gap between rich and poor may already be too wide to make for an even playing field on capitalist turf. And the question remains: How substantive do the guiding prin-ciples of a community have to be for survival as a community?

be for survival as a community?
As long as money remains power, and race and gender serve as a kind of social currency, aims to help "our own" will put most people in "the gay community" in the precarious position of having to choose between loyalties. While lesbians serve "their own" by being

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BUSINESS NEWS

A Mazel While You Shop

his may be the last scoop of 1994, so remember you read it here first: the Congregation Sha'ar Zahav Gift Shop has moved. But not too far.

Advertised as recently as December in the Jewish Gaily FORWARD as being upstairs in the library at 220 Danvers Street, the shop is now down-

Street, the shop is now down-stairs in the Oneg Room.

"It's not a huge shop," says
Lea Salem, the cheerful office
manager at Congregation
Sha'ar Zahav – which means
"Golden Gate" in Hebrew. But even so, and even with Chanukah over for this year, the chankari over to this year, the shop still offers a nice array of candles and holders, books, baby gifts, jewelry, a syna-gogue cookbook, and what Salem calls "doo dads."

Prices range from the \$100 range down to as low as \$1. So don't kvetch.

here there is a will. there's a way, they say. Where there is only heartache, as anyone can attest who has lived through an intestate lover's death. What intestate means is that

what intestate means is that the deceased had no recognized will. What it also means is that any plans that person may have had are usually disregarded, and lovers are frequently left out in the cold.

The Northern California Cancer Center, a non-profit organization of leading univerorganization of leading universities, hospitals, agencies, and individuals, is offering a new booklet called *Estates: Planning Ahead* to help eliminate that nightmare. The booklet outlines some plain-spoken advice on subjects most of us tend to avoid, and helps readers with tough decisions about estate planning, funeral plan-ning, and organ donations. It also includes information on wills, trusts, guardianships, directives to physicians, funeral arrangements, and checklists to

arrangements, and checklists to help people organize various business and legal documents

The booklet, written by Pamela Priest Naeve, director of community education at the Northern California Cancer Center, and Isabel Walker, a clinical social worker at Stanford University Medical Center, is the product of numerous consultations with attorneys, bank trust officers, offic neys, bank trust officers, offi-cials from coroners offices and organ banks, funeral directors, health professionals, and oth-ers. Although based on California law, the checklists for estate and funeral planning are recommended as useful for

everyone.

Copies are now available

California from the Northern California Cancer Center, P.O. Box 5033, Union City, California 94587. Single copies are \$5. Phone (510) 429-2500.

ant to know how to write Mr. Right? International Gay Penpals, now in its fifth year, initiates a new policy in 1995: people who can't afford the annual fee of \$17 (U.S.) can trade goods in exchange for two semi-annual



Trudi Charroffhauptman in the small gift shop at the Congregation Sha'ar Zahav. She began making lavender yarmulkes (seen in the showcase) when women members

newsletters listing more than newsletters listing more than 700 gay men in 35 countries. Or the fee drops to \$8 for any gay man with AIDS. No proof or documentation is needed; they'll take your word for it.

IGP was started so gay men around the world could establish context with each other.

lish contact with each other through letters for whatever reasons – such as finding a free

for business

place to stay while traveling or

place to stay while traveling or (shall we say) entertainment. For more information and a list of acceptable barter goods, send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to: IGP, Suite 320, Box 7304, North Hollywood, California, 91603. (Make that ISA)

loser to home, the Golden Gate Business Association — which likes to call itself the nation's first gay and lesbian Chamber of Commerce — has been joined by a new member business, The Chocolate Bear. Robert Ruschmeier, the proprietor, will add his own marvelous hand-made creations to a fine line of European chocolates and confections.

In addition to which, The Chocolate Bear offers teddy bears, ceramic bears, bear candy tins, and – naturally – chocolate bears. The bench outside the shop, located at 2250 Union Street, is supported by guess what? Bears. You bear lovers and chocolate junkies tell them the B.A.R. bear sent you. GGBA will spotlight The Chocolate Bear at a networking event early in 1995.

inally, on a holiday note: While many B.A.R. readers are now B.A.K. readers are now preparing for the numerous New Year's bashes around the Bay that will welcome 1995 this weekend, others are looking farther ahead to

the year 2000.

And with the millennium hand with the minemum bearing down upon us we can naturally anticipate – at last – a period of great happiness and human perfection. We have spoken to several people who are already saving like hell to spend it all on one glorious New Year's Eve bash when December 31, 1999 rolls

around.

If you plan to celebrate extravagantly when the decade and the century changes at the stroke of 12 on New Year's Eve 1999, you are not alone.

"I can hardly wait," a cheerful reservations clerk at the Hyatt Regency San Francisco told us. "We've had a couple of calls on it," she said, "but no firm bookings yet."

calls on it," she said, "but no firm bookings yet."
Reservationists at the San Francisco Hilton say they do not book reservations "farther out than a year" – despite things almost always being farther out than that in San Francisco.
By the way, it will be a Friday night, and it's only five years away. Maybe it is a good idea to start planning now. ▼

A Newspaper with "Homophobe Appeal"

by Al Kielwasser

Recently, The New York Times produced a television ad campaign featuring hate-monger Rush Limbaugh (among other celebrities). In response, the "newspaper of record" has received a number of complaints about its choice in spokesmodels. Many readers questioned the logic of hiring Limbaugh – a bigot who eschews truth and objectivity – to promote the Times, a newspaper that professes the highest standards of journalism.

Resnonding to those complaints, Alyse Myers – promotion

Responding to those complaints, Alyse Myers – promotion director for The *Times* – explained: "The celebrities chosen were intended to represent a cross-section of opinions and viewpoints. The purpose is to demonstrate that the *Times* can appeal to all people, not just those with similar likes and points of view.

of view.

"I hope this explanation clarifies our advertising objectives for you," Myers concluded.

Myers's explanation only clarifies the unfairness and hypocrisy of her newspaper's advertising campaign. Apparently, "all people" includes homophobes but not homosexuals. The Times TV ads didn't feature any lesbian, gay or bisexual celebrities.

Why results the Times have greated a TV and feature.

bisexual celebrities.

Why couldn't the *Times* have created a TV spot featuring lesbian rocker Melissa Etheridge, lounging with her lover while reading the Sunday edition? Or how about a spot with Lea DeLaria, searching the classifieds for her personal ad—"Fierce Dyke Comedian Seeks Same"?

The possibilities are endless, of course, but the point is quite basic. Until the *Times* includes lesbians and gays in its celebrity "cross-section," Myers's claims about pluralism are simply disingennous.

disingenuous.

For the sake of consistency (if not integrity), the newspa-per's promotions department should be encouraged to follow the lead of its newsroom staff (the *Times* has taken editorial stands in favor of lesbian/gay civil rights, and the paper recent

ly hired an openly gay reporter to cover the lesbian/gay beat).

Write to Alyse Myers, Promotion Director, "The New York
Times," 229 West 43 Street, New York, NY 10036.

Bad Press

The Associated Press (AP) is the nation's largest wire-service, disseminating news stories for use by media outlets around the globe. Unfortunately, however, the association doesn't have much good news to offer its own lesbian, gay, and bisexual employees. AP has once again refused to adopt a corporate policy prohibiting discrimination based on sexual orientation.

The Associated Press announced that it will continue to arbitrate only those discrimination claims involving groups already protected by Federal law (which currently covers age, sex, race, creed, color, national origin, disability, or status as a Vietnam veteran). Adolphe Bernotas, chair of the negotiating team for the Wire Services Guild (the union that represents AP employees), is exasperated by the corporation's homophobic

employees), is exasperated by the corporation.

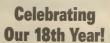
"We find it disingenuous that AP would agree to abide by the law," Bernotas said, "The law doesn't protect gays and lesbians. That's why we want it in the contract."

Let the Associated Press know that workplace bigotry is bad news! Write to All Members, Board of Directors, Associated Press, 50 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, NY 10020.

Media Briefs

- Fun With Fundies: The American Family Association (AFA) an ultra-homophobic hate group is self-described as "a Christian organization promoting the biblical ethic of decency in American society with primary emphasis on TV and other media." Most recently, the AFA has begun offering "intensive out-patient counseling for individuals afflicted with pornography." For a mere \$1,000, "porn addicts" get a week of counseling sessions and "exercise therapy." One can only imagine... (For your free brochure & further information, contact AFA OutReach, P.O. Drawer 2440, Tupelo, MS 38803; e-mail AmFamily1@aol.com).
- Special Writes: "Putting Out: The Essential Publishing Resource Guide for Lesbian and Gay Writers" indexes over 500 media outlets that publish or market lesbian/gay writing. Contact Cleis Press, P.O. Box 8933, Pittsburgh, PA 15221; tel. 412-937-1555. ▼

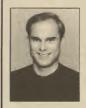
We must confront the media's homophobia in order to cure it! Founded in 1988, the San Francisco Bay Area chapter of GLAAD is a membership-based community organization dedicated to cultural advocacy and media activism. GLAAD/SFBA promotes the fair, accurate and diverse representation of lesbian, gay and bisexual lives in all forms of mass media. To notify GLAAD/SFBA of any defamatory or affirmative media coverage call our 24-hour media watch hotline at 415-861-4588, or write to "Media Watch," Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation/San Francisco Bay Area Chapter, 1360 Mission Street, Suite 200, San Francisco, Ca 94103; Tel. 415-861-2244, Fax 415-861-4893, E-Mail GLAAD SFBA@AOL, COM.





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CALIFORNIA NEWS

Gays Shot in WeHo **Attempted Kidnapping**

by Karen Ocamb

Two gay men were the victims of an attempted robbery-kidnapping outside a West Hollywood gay bar, ironically named Revolver. The men, who asked police not to release their names, had been in critical condition at UCLA Medical Center after they were shot struggling with one of the robbery suspects over a semi-automatic pistol.

According to West Hollywood Detective Ioel

According to West Hollywood Detective Joel Brown, two men aged 34 and 24 were leaving Revolver, a popular club on Santa Monica Boulevard, in the early morning of Saturday, December 17 when two young men approached the new BMW and demanded the keys and the men's wallets at gunpoint. Although the car's owner turned over the keys, the young suspects forced the victims into the backest of the car.

forced the victims into the backseat of the car.

Shortly after they drove away, the younger victim apparently decided he didn't want to be kidapparently decided in didn't want to be known apped, Brown says, and tried to overtake the suspect sitting in the front passenger seat holding two semi-automatic pistols on the victims.

The gun went off, with three shots hitting the younger victim in the abdomen and another shot

hitting the older victim in the chest with the bullet lodging in his groin and intestinal area. Several witnesses spotted and tracked the blood-splattered suspects, who fled the scene at Larrabee and Santa Monica Boulevards, and a doctor who happened to

Monica Boulevards, and a doctor who happened to be nearby administered emergency medical aide. The witnesses called 911, and Sheriff's deputies, who happened to be out in force that night, responded immediately and broadcast a description of the suspects. Deputies picked up Carlos Teixeira, 19, and Raul Olbera, 21, on Harratt Street and Palm Avenue as they were walking out of breath up to Sunset Boulevard. They were brought to the West Hollywood Sheriff's station, where they were identified by witnesses.

were brought to the West Hollywood Sheriff's sta-tion, where they were identified by witnesses. Teixeira and Olbera were arraigned in Beverly Hills Court on charges of kidnapping for robbery, and assault with a deadly weapon, among other charges. If convicted on the kidnapping charge the young men face life in prison. They are currently being held on half a million dollars bail each. Brown told the B.A.R. the victims do not believe the kidnapaltempted robbery was connecti-

believe the kidnap/attempted robbery was connect-

ed with a hate crime. "They thought they were just at the wrong place at the wrong time," Brown said in a December 23 interview. He said that while the in a December 23 interview. He said that while the robbery appears to have been "for personal gain," he doesn't know why they ordered the victims into the car. He did note, however, that the suspect-driver apparently didn't know how to operate the

ver apparently didn't know how to operate the BMW.

Brown advises anyone confronted by an armed robber to cooperate, saying, "Life is more important than the crown jewels." However, in carjacking instances, every attempt should be made not to get into the car with a robber because "there's no telling what could happen."

Brown also says he has shared information about the case with Beverly Hills detectives investigating the murder of Chicago gay activist Jon Simmons. Simmons was found naked, with one bullet shot to the head, in a Beverly Hills back alley on the early morning of October 2. Police believe Simmons was abducted from West Hollywood during a vacation stop-over in Los Angeles. Beverly Hills detective Sergeant Tom Edmonds told the B.A.R. the Sheriff's forensics lab is examining the weapons recovered in the December 17 kidnap/robbery, and police will question those suspects, to determine if there is a link to Simmons's murder.

Edmonds says that what police believed was a "pretty good" lead in the Simmons case fell through after they learned that their main suspect

"pretty good" lead in the Simmons case fell through after they learned that their main suspect was in jail at the time of the murder. However, they was man at the fifther of the infinited. Towever, they now believe that that same man is guilty of the abduction of a gay man in West Hollywood in August of 1993. That case will be filed by West Hollywood detectives shortly.

Edmonds says that the Beverly Hills Police

department is still looking for any information leading to the arrest and conviction of Simmons's killer, for which there is a substantial reward. Police are particularly looking for anyone who might have been forced to disrobe during a robbery or carjacking.

Anyone with information is asked to call Edmonds at (310) 285-2149. All information will be kept confidential.

What's the Difference Between a Politician and a Whore?

COYOTE's Margo St. James Covets Willie Brown's Seat

Margo St. James, probably the Bay Area's most famous prostitute rights advocate, has announced she will be a candidate for the California Assembly

set now held by Speaker Willie Brown.

St. James is best known for founding the prostitutes' rights organization COYOTE ("Call Off Your Old Tired Ethics"), on Mother's Day in 1973.

She declared her candidacy for Brown's seat on Friday, December 23, at COYOTE's annual holiday norty.

day party.

Brown can't seek re-election for his assembly seat because of term limits. He is considered a likely candidate for the California Senate seat now held by Milton Marks, who can't run again for that

held by Milton Marks, who can't run again for that post for the same reason.

St. James came out as a bisexual on national television in 1973, following a similar public disclosure by singer Joan Baez.

Margo calls herself an "investigative activist."

Margo calls nerself an "investigative activist. She is the wife of recently retired San Francisco Examiner reporter Paul Avery. They were wed three years ago, on yet another holiday: St. Valentine's Day.

Valentine's Day.

In conversation with *The Bay Area Reporter*, St. James said she counts among her prominent supporters the Reverend Cecil Williams of Glide Memorial Methodist Church, who provided COY-OTE with its first office; "Social Thought" radio personality Michael Phillips, whom Margo credits with inventing the Bank AmeriCard; Monty Stickles, former '49er; columnist Warren Hinckle; and Stewart Brand of *The Whole Earth Catalon* and Stewart Brand of *The Whole Earth Catalog* fame. Brand's Point Foundation provided the ini-



Margo St. James of Coyote fame has cleaned up her act and is running for the Assembly.

tial \$5,000 grant that got COYOTE underway.

Among the more than 60 people attending the annual COYOTE holiday party were lawyers, writers, and lesbian hookers – a typically eclectic crowd of St. James's friends – and about a half dozen young male hustlers who are also supporting her candidacy.

San Francisco's **Pre-Stonewall Stonewall**

or, The New Year's Day Bash That Changed the World

by Mary Ann Swissler

Exactly 30 years ago this week, hundreds of San Francisco gays and lesbians were preparing to celebrate
New Years Day 1965 at
California Hall on Polk Street. Backers of the co-ed Mardi Gras Ball had expected to sell 1,500 \$5 tickets to benefit the Society Guild, the Coits, the Daughters of Bilitis, the Mattachine Society, and the Council on Religion and the Homosexual, a

Religion and the Homosexual, a group of sympathetic clergy. Those hopes were dashed when a phalanx of uniformed police officers – a frightening sight to gay people in those days – showed up outside the hall to discourage discourage attendance.
Surprisingly, even with the presence of the cops and the notinconsiderable risk of public exposure, about 500 lesbians and gay men bravely attended the ball. And although most of the attendees did not come in the attendees did not come in contact with the law, three gay attorneys were arrested before the night was over – as was a straight minister's wife.

Four years before Stonewall and two before the first issue of The Advocate, the aborted New York's Designation of the Advocate, the aborted New York's Designation and the properties are likely the second of the Advocate, the aborted New York's Designation and the properties are likely the second of the Advocate, the aborted New York's Designation and the properties are likely the second of the properties are likely the properties ar

The Advocate, the aborted New Year's Day gala spelled the beginning of the end of the American closet.

"It was San Francisco's Stonewall, only we did it peacefully and there were 500 gays and lesbians who crossed that picket line," a still-rambunctious Del Martin now remembers. According to Martin, who co-founded Daughters of Billitis bers. According to Martin, who co-founded Daughters of Bilitis in 1955 with her partner Phyllis Lyon, most of the 500 gays and lesbians who were inside the hall that night held sensitive jobs and could have had their lives ruined.

Dance backers, in fact, had to avoid the confrontation: CRH ministers had met with police – twice – who promised to ignore the event unless costumed partygoers spilled out onto the streets. But on the day of the ball, according to the newsletter *Vector*, more than 50 newsletter *Vector*, more than 50 uniformed and plainclothes officers showed up. "On January 1, 1965, that was a big deal," Martin told the *B.A.R.*, but lesbians and gays "braved it because they had the backing of the clergy. The feeling was 'If they could do it, so could we."

Herb Donaldson, now a San Francisco Municipal Judge, and

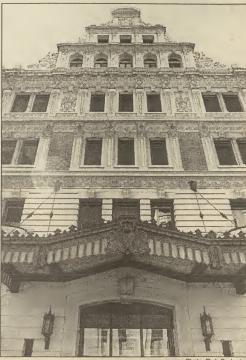


Photo: Rick Gerharte

The California Culinary Academy at 625 Polk Street, formerly known as the California Hall, was the site of "San Francisco's Stonewall" 30 years ago this Sunday.

Evander Smith provided legal advice at the door and kept contact between the cops and partygoers to a minimum. Eventually, however, when a group of plainhowever, when a group of plant-clothes officers refused to iden-tify themselves or produce war-rants, Donaldson and Smith asked them to leave. What now sounds like a simple request was, in 1965, enough to get the lawyers arrested. They were fol-lowed by Elliott Leighton and Nancy May shortly before mid-night.

The peaceful California Hall assembly was much less sensaassembly was much less sensa-tional than the acquittals, which permanently changed San Francisco on February 11. So did the media attention to the California Hall arrests, in

fact: several papers erroneously reported San Francisco had a gay population of around 70,000, Donaldson recalled, which made gays outside the city perceive this area as a tolerant potential home.

"For all those who were "For all those who were banding together there were still a lot of people who were still closeted and fearful. This dance had the very therapeutic effect of making a lot of gays and lesbians understand that there's not all that much to fear by being out" said Dopedden.

out," said Donaldson.
"As we banded together, we

As we bained together, we gained strength."

Another funny thing happened, too, he said: "Men had something to say to women, and women had something to say to men."

Next Week: Part II, in which Municipal Judge Leo Friedman sets San Francisco police straight and the modern gay rights movement on fire.

Research partly compiled from interviews and records at the San Francisco Gay & Lesbian Historical Archives.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Quaker Grandma To Speak in SF

by Kent Brandley

Portland area radio talk show host Bonnie Portland area radio talk show host Bonnie Tinker, a lesbian Quaker grandmother, has added San Francisco to her itinerary. She will speak at the San Francisco Friends (Quaker) Meeting here at 65 Ninth Street on Sunday, January 22, at 7 p.m.

There will be no charge and the public is

welcome, a Society of Friends spokeswoman

welcome, a Society of Friends spokes wolfant told the Bay Area Reporter.

Tinker will speak on "Opening Hearts and Minds: Transforming Public Dialogue Through Non-Violent Speech."

As reported earlier in the B.A.R., Tinker will lead a symposium January 20-22 at the Quaker Center in Ben Lomond, in the Santa Cruz

THE YEAR IN 1944 REVIEW

Review

(Continued from page 1)

following the resignation of Dr. Raymond Baxter. But, in what may have been the surprise maneuver of the year, the Health Commission went against the wishes of Mayor Frank Jordan and gave the \$135,000 a year job to Dr. Sandra Hernandez — a lesbian who headed the department's AIDS office — instead. Hernandez was sworn in January 12 as director of the city's largest bureaucracy. She said her goal was to "develop an efficient system to meet health care needs early on." But, she cautioned, "There's no question that we're ten years behind the times."

John Wayne Gacy was executed in Illinois. He had been convicted in 1980 of killing 33 young men and boys. At the time of his original trial Gacy — a part-time clown and Democratic precinct captain — pleaded insanity and did not contest his guilt. In the ensuing 14 years, however, he continued to appeal his sentence until the state Supreme Court selected "lethal injection in the manner provided by law" as its means of garbage disposal.

Tower Records denied allegations that security personnel were ordered to conduct surveillance of gay store managers.

"The Church of the Secret Gospel," a popular South of Market sex club, was shut down by the San Francisco Health Department.

An earthquake of 6.6 magnitude on the Richter Scale struck Southern California at dawn on January 17, leaving 43 dead and thousands of others wounded and homeless. Damages and losses to the gay community were extensive.

Well-known and well-liked **Stud** bar owner **James (Jim) Henry Fleckenstein** died, following an accidental fall from his apartment balcony.



hoto: Rick Gerharter

Sgt. Perry Watkins salutes the casket of *And the Band Played On* author Randy Shilts Feb. 22.

Lesbian Avengers at a Bobbitt rally in Berkeley served "members" to the community. The so-called "barbecued penises" were actually plump wieners.

February

Surgeon General Joycelyn Elders charmed San Franciscans in a visit here, where she became and remained a big Bay Area favorite.

Two men held up Eureka Federal Bank on Castro Street with a .22 caliber revolver, but a dye pack in the money packet exploded and the suspects fled. Police nabbed 46-year-old Thomas Rogers, stripped of his dye-stained

clothing and wearing nothing but his skivvies, in a Hartford Street basement.

David Powers, 52, was found stabbed to death in his Dolores Street apartment. Only one and a half months into 1994, he was the city's 13th murder victim. The apartment had been robbed.

San Francisco received \$11.6 million in federal AIDS housing funds, thanks largely to Representative Nancy Pelosi, D-SF, and Senator Dianne Feinstein.

Roseanne defied tradition and national television bigwigs with a controversial lesbian kiss on her hit series. ABC was not amused and threatened to pull the episode.

Jury selection began in the Superior Court embezzlement trial of disbarred gay lawyer Walter Caplan. Among the allegations: Caplan stole \$40,000 from Charles Cyberski, a client with AIDS. On February 15 Caplan pleaded guilty to a felony count of practicing law while suspended from the State Bar of California.

Domestic partners legislation – introduced by Democratic Assembly member **Richard Katz** of Los Angeles – was launched with fanfare and high hopes in the legislature.

A glimmer of hope was seen as a San Francisco Health Department study showed the rate of new AIDS cases in the city to be declining.

Former B.A.R. editor George Mendenhall died of a brain tumor February 21, at age 64. Mendenhall had also been a writer and researcher for *The Advocate*.

Police barricades went up at memorial services for gay author Randy Shilts. Publicity monger and gay-baiting faux-minister Fred Phelps of Topeka, Kansas and his entourage came to town amid a flurry of advance faxes, threatening to spew their hatred and mar the services at Glide Memorial Church. But as the homophobes stepped from their vans they were pelted with raw eggs and were greeted with hoots of derision and cries of "shame, shame." Phelps still got what he wanted – his name in the headlines and on television. It took the cowardly preacher and his lame-brained cohorts less than one minute to get back into the vans and leave the scene.

New U. S. Attorney General Janet Reno initiated an investigation into issues surrounding Camp Sister Spirit in Ovett, Mississippi.

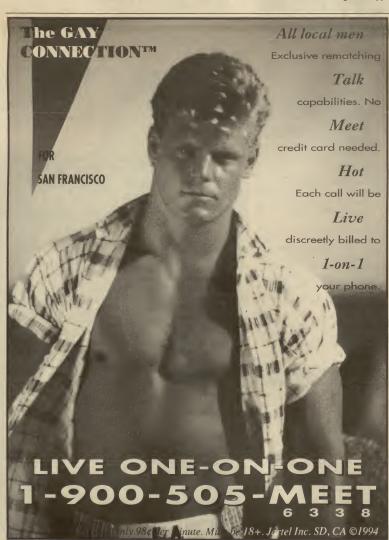
March

Tony Miller, a gay man, was sworn in as acting Secretary of State to replace March Fong Eu, who was appointed Ambassador to Micronesia. Miller was a longtime aide to Eu.

The San Francisco Planning Commission



Dr. Joycelyn Elders



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A boycott of Florida orange juice was organized by the newly formed national civil rights group Gay and Lesbian Americans after controversial radio host homophobe Rush Limbaugh was awarded a \$1 million contract by the Florida Citrus Commission.

A bill in the **Hawaii** Senate that would have legalized **same-sex** marriages was quietly killed in committee.

Organizers of Boston's St. Patrick's Day parade canceled the event after a state court said the Irish-American Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Group of Boston (GLIB) could march in it.

Openly gay Berkeley civic leader Jeffrey Leiter was sworn in as mayor of Berkeley after Mayor Loni Hancock resigned to take a post in the Clinton administration. Leiter said he would not run again in November — and kept his promise!

Mayor Frank Jordan said he would oppose a gay bathhouse in the Tenderloin. A building permit was revoked after city officials said it was issued in error to gay attorney Rich Stokes and a partner. The permit was issued for the site of the former Bulldog Baths in the Tenderloin. Stokes announced he would sue.

Two murders on Polk Street of men in their mid-20s created concern. Tony Ray was gunned down in broad daylight on the busy street, and the dismembered body of Tommy Wenger was found in a dumpster around the corner on Myrtle Alley. The two apparently unrelated slayings were never solved.

April

Wanda and Brenda Henson from Camp Sister Spirit in Ovett, Mississippi came to San Francisco for a series of meetings and fundraising events. The city rallied to their support as the rednecks back home continued to harass them.

Two local activists, Lee Wildes and Paul Bernardino, were charged by the District Attorney's office with civil rights violations for taking part in a demonstration against right wing Traditional Yalues Coalition leader Lou Sheldon at the Hamilton Square Baptist Church the previous September. The protest disrupted a church service, church leaders said. Activists said the event was a public meeting, and not a worship service.

German national Steffan Buffleb, described as the "Blue Eyeliner Bandit" for his distinctive cosmetic tattoos, pled guilty to one felony count of first degree burglary, after numerous complaints were lodged by San Francisco gay men who said they had befriended Buffleb in gay bars and were then robbed by him. Buffleb was later deported.

San Jose City Council woman Kathy Cole, a religious fundamentalist who publicly

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Camp Sister Spirit's Brenda and Wanda Henson at the corner of 18th and Castro.



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1994 NEWS



Police Sergeant

Stephanie

Review

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denounced the lesbian and gay community as a "special interest group," was recalled from office by a 59 to 41 percent margin. Cole had been censured by the San Jose City Council for making anti-Hispanic and anti-Asian racist statements.

Police were called as a verbal battle between PAWS (Pets Are Wonderful Support) and PWAs (People With AIDS) escalated and PAWS administrators refused to answer persistent questions from concerned persons attending a stormy meeting. There were few answers and no arrests.

Radio station KFRC offered a hostile response to listeners com-plaining about the station's homophobic disc jockeys, who publicly called lesbians and gays "sick and pathetic." San Francisco called lesonais and garden pathetic." San Francisco Supervisors Susan Leal and Carole Migden ultimately called for a formal investigation of KFRC by the city's Human Rights Commission in response.

The American Indian AIDS Institute was placed into temporary receivership by the Department of Health after rifts between staff and board members threatened the agency's stability. The city contracts held by the agency were later transferred to the National Task Force on AIDS Prevention because of the board's mismanagement of the agency's

The San Francisco Health Department announced service cuts of \$5.84 million in its annual budget, with \$200,000 in AIDS

Gay activist Pierre Luddington resigned as a health commissioner because of his declining health, due to AIDS.

Oregon voters approved anti-gay measures in three towns, but a judge there ruled to disqualify a statewide anti-gay ballot measure from the November ballot.

majority of San Francisco AIDS Foundation employees voted to be represented by Local 790 A of the Service Employees International Union.

May

San Francisco Police Sergeant Stephanie Thorne announced she

would undergo a sex change operation and become Stephan Andrew Thorne. Fellow officers commend-ed Thorne's bravery and right to make personal choices.

Trudi Cordova. formerly known as John Cordova, was arrested and charged with attempted murder and assault with a dead-ly weapon. Cordova had been convicted in 1977 for stabbing 33-yearvicted in 1977 for stabbing 33-year-old gay gardener Robert Hillsbrough to death, a crime that outraged the San Francisco gay community at the time. When Cordova was arraigned on the latest charges, she was also set for trial on unrelated fellow charges of nossesunrelated felony charges of possession of heroin, possession of heroin for sale, and being an ex-felon in possession of a firearm.

Police raided the 'N Touch Bar on Polk Street and seized two video poker machines and an undetermined amount of cash. There were

Disbarred gay attorney Walter Caplan began serving a four-year sentence in state prison for embezzling \$40,000 from Charles Cyberski, a former client and one-time friend who died of AIDS, and \$25,000 from Robert Owens, a client who died of Farger Cyberski. client who died of cancer. Cyberski was owner of the once-popular Male Entertainment Network.

murder-suicide in the Tenderloin claimed the lives of Jon Magilaya, 37, and Juan Cuevas, 26.

KFRC told the gay/lesbian community "we're sorry," but the apology came too late to stem a tide of community disgust and dismay.

Seven Stanford athletes faced felony charges after they were arrested for vandalizing the "Gay Liberation" statue on the university campus. Damage was estimated at more than \$5,000.

In an historic hearing concerning transgender discrimination, the San Francisco Human Rights Commission met for more than four hours to hear 50 transgendered speakers testify about the prejudices and biases faced by members of the community.

Mayor Frank Jordan contact-ed governors and mayors in areas where anti-gay initiatives were on the ballot, urging them to support gay rights. "It's wrong to single out a group of people and exclude them from full participation in our com-munities," Jordan wrote.

The Los Angeles Unified



George Segal's famous *Gay Liberation* sculpture is decorated with flowers after it was vandalized – again – at Stanford this year.



Congress began a review of Senator Edward M. Kennedy's precedent-setting gay civil rights bill known as the Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA). "This bill is not about granting special rights," said Kennedy. "It is about righting senseless wrongs."

San Francisco Supervisors Susan Leal and Carole Migden called for the replacement of Kristine Gebbie as coordinator of the National AIDS Policy Office. As pressure

Four months after **Tony Ray** was gunned down on Polk Street in broad daylight, the San Francisco Board of Supervisors passed a resolution requesting a \$10,000 reward be posted for the arrest of his killer.

The U.S. House Judiciary subcommittee on Constitutional Rights held a hearing on incidents surrounding the Camp Sister Spirit vio-

Disbarred gay San Francisco attorney Walter Caplan was transferred from the Hall of Justice to San Quentin prison to begin serv-

mounted, she finally called it quits.

lence and anti-lesbian harassment.

Jubilant athletes at the closing ceremonies of the Gay Games in New York City this past June.

School District held its first-ever gay and lesbian junior-senior high school prom at the L. A. Hilton.

A four-member California National Guard military panel recommended that Lieutenant C. Andrew Holmes, an openly gay officer, be discharged.

June

The city's \$2.78 budget for fiscal 1994-95 was unveiled by Mayor Frank Jordan. It set public safety as the top priority, kept libraries open, and preserved essential city services without raising taxes.

Jordan marked the 25th anniversary of the Stonewall Riots by proclaiming June as Gay Pride Month in San Francisco. The Freedom Day March and Celebration was a huge success, with an estimated 300,000 in attendance and 185 contingents participating.

Meanwhile, Gay Games IV opened in New York with 11,000 athletes competing throughout the Big Apple – including ceremonies at legendary Yankee Stadium.

By the time the 25th anniversary of Stonewall was commemorated in New York one week later, there were approximately a million gays and lesbians there to participate. A mile-long rainbow flag was carried up First Avenue, but ACT UP and other activists took the more visible Fifth Avenue for an unauthorized illegal march rized, illegal march.

Lesbian mother Sharon Bottoms won a Virginia appellate court ruling allowing her to regain custody of her son Tyler. The court said Bottoms' homosexuality was not automatic cause for revocation of custody, but the order was stayed by a higher court, and the boy remained with his grandmother.

Activist Mike Shriver, 32, director of the Mobilization Against AIDS, was appointed to the San Francisco Health Commission by Mayor Jordan.

An openly gay man, Jon Ballesteros was sworn in as a member of the city's new Transportation Commission.

An ROTC hazing controversy divided the San Francisco School Board, with board member Tom Ammiano calling ROTC anti-gay and discriminatory

ing a four-year prison term for bilking funds from a client who died of AIDS, as well as other charges.

Francisco San Commissioner Pierre R. Ludington died at home of AIDS-related complications.

San Francisco Supervisors passed a \$2.7 billion budget for 1994-1995 with no health

Mayor Frank Jordan signed a resolution passed unanimously by the San Francisco Board of Supervisors, supporting the federal gay job rights measure under consideration by the U.S. Senate.

Senator Dianne Feinstein voted with Jesse Beating Dianne reinstein voted with Jesse
Helms, Strom Thurmond, and Bob Dole on an
anti-gay agricultural amendment. Senator
Barbara Boxer voted against it and in favor of
gay rights. Feinstein's staff later said it was a
procedural ploy.

August

The U.S. Senate approved an anti-gay amendment to an educational bill sponsored by Senators Jesse Helms (R-N.C.) and Robert

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Smith (R-N.H.) cutting off federal funds to any should district that teaches homosexuality is "a positive lifestyle alternative" in classes, text-books, or through counseling programs. Feinstein voted against it, and it was later killed in committee.

Homophobic Cobb County, Georgia lost its bid to host the 1996 summer volleyball events, when the Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games (ACOG) decided to move the volleyball events to The University of Athens in Georgia. The action came after county com-missioners refused to compromise on a resolution condemning the "gay lifestyle.

Ron Glasser, a gay man, lost his sexual orientation discrimination suit against the California State Automobile Association.

Local performer Mario Mondelli was hospitalized after he was stabbed ten times with a camping ax. Dr. Dean Freeman, whom police

detained and described as Mondelli's lover and psychiatrist, was released pending further investigation.

Domestic Partners legislation passed the California Assembly and went to the Senate

Senator Dianne Feinstein fought for \$30 million more in AIDS funding, raising the total to \$186 million. Local AIDS administrators said the amount was still not enough

The Tenth International Conference on AIDS in Yokohama, Japan, produced few blockbuster developments in the AIDS war.

Dana Van Gorder, gay activist and com-munity organizer, was appointed as the San Francisco Health Department's coordinator for lesbian and gay health services.

Longtime community leader **Rikki** Streicher died of cancer, and flags of San Francisco flew at half mast in her honor.

A bill legalizing medical marijuana puffed through the California Assembly and was sent to Governor Pete Wilson.

September

Ariel Da Silva, better known as Jose Garcia, the first person granted political asylum by the U. S. because of the persecution he suffered as a gay man, died of AIDS in Los

Parents Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (P-FLAG) opened its 13th annual international convention in San Francisco, with about 1,000 in attendance.

The Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that the U.S. Navy could not kick out **Keith Meinhold** simply because he said he is gay.

Six months after his slaying, a \$10,000 reward was offered for information in the death of **Tommy Wenger**, whose dismembered body was found in a dumpster in March.

Joseph Jaworowicz, 63, a beloved Most Holy Redeemer parish bingo volunteer, was gunned down in what appeared to be a midnight robbery attempt by two male teenagers.

A veteran San Leandro police officer created a community stir when he called two men "righteous fags."

The Unity Foundation, organizers of a Unity Conference here, found discord after the conference and threats of law suits when checks bounced.

Governor Pete Wilson vetoed the domestic partners bill with a sermon-like message blaming alternative relationships and families for social ills.

Former porn star Abdelkadir Kalouch was

found guilty of voluntary manslaughter in the stabbing death of Mark Stadleman, and of grand theft, in Superior Court.

A Napa County jury found James Jennings, 23, guilty of second degree murder for stabbing 47-year-old gay Roman Catholic priest Father Ronald Maupin with a kitchen

A U. S. federal jury ruled that former San Francisco Police Chief Richard Hongisto intentionally violated Bay Times publisher Kim Corsaro's civil rights when he ordered officers to confiscate more than 2,000 copies of the publication. The jury awarded Corsaro \$36,000 in general damages. \$36,000 in general damages

"Gay Liberation," the famous Stanford University campus sculpture, was restored and reinstalled. It had been vandalized in May by seven students, all varsity athletes and fraterni-

The International Lesbian and Gay Association (ILGA) was suspended from its observer status on the United Nations' Economic and Social Council.

Tomàs Fabregas, 36, AIDS immigration activist and computer expert, died of AIDS-related complications in Oakland.

Gay and lesbian opposition to **Proposition** 187 mounted because of the fear that the loss of anonymous testing programs for HIV would discourage people from discovering their status, among other reasons.

October

Mayor Frank Jordan delivered an upbeat State of the City address and said crime is down, streets are safer and cleaner, and the economy is rebounding.

The Colorado Supreme Court, by a 2-1 vote, upheld a lower court ruling that Amendment Two, the state's controversial measure banning protected status for lesbians and gays, is unconstitutional.

Dr. Leonard Simpson was honored by Dr. Leonard Simpson was honored by ACT UP Golden Gate with the first AIDS Activist of the Year Award. San Francisco supervisors declared October 9 as Leonard Simpson Day in the city.

Department of Public Health officials said San Francisco water is safe from the intestinal parasite **cryptosporidium**.

David Mixner, President Clinton's gay buddy, lobbied against universal healthcare and took money from an insurance company opposing California ballot Proposition 186.

Former Marine reservist Sean Sebring was arrested for stalking, making terrorist threats against, and attempting to extort \$10 million from multimillionaire media mogul James Gabbert. Sebring remained behind bars for



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Pinata Pete: Our governor takes a hit at a local No on 187 rally.



MTV star and AIDS activist Pedro Zamora succumbed to the disease in November.

six weeks, unable to raise the \$1 million bail. Gabbert initially lied to the press about the extent of his contact with Sebring, who claimed the owner of KOFY-TV drugged his drink and then raped him aboard Gabbert's

Victor Rohana, a 24-year-old gay San Francisco art student, was shot in the chest by one of two men in a passing car on Market Street who assailed Rohana for holding a friend's hand. Rohana lost his spleen and almost died in the attack. Mayor Frank Jordan immediately offered a \$10,000 reward for the arrest and conviction of his assailants, last seen driving a white Suzuki Samurai away from the crime scene

Police arrested 55 people and seized automatic weapons in the Castro on Halloween, prompting renewed community concern about safety at the annual event.

November

ACT UP San Francisco mounted a massive fax and phone campaign in an effort to gain a compassionate release from Chowchilla prison for Cynthia Ann Greene, who was dying of AIDS.

Republicans triumphed in elections nationwide and seized control of the legislative branch of government as well as the governorships in most key states. However, San Francisco remained solidly progressive, and gay and lesbian candidates Susan Leal, Leslie Katz, Carole Migden, Lawrence Wong, and Tom Ammiano all scored "Lavender Sweep II" victories. Dianne Feinstein squeaked by II" victories. **Dianne Feinstein** squeaked by for another six years in the U. S. Senate.

Tim Curbo, well-known San Francisco teacher and lover of San Francisco supervisorelect Tom Ammiano, died after a long battle with AIDS.

Coretta Scott King said the shame of

AIDS falls not on persons suffering from it, but on those who are in a position to help but

Upon the death of longtime African-American gay activist **Brandy Moore**, he was **eulogized** with a New Orleans-style jazz band and funeral parade – after he was eulogized by California House Speaker Willie Brown.

District Attorney Arlo Smith doubled the reward offered for the attackers of Victor Rohana. The reward now stands at \$20,000.

A former employee of Innovative Housing blew the whistle on the local non-profit housing program serving low-income San Francisco residents. Elladio Ballestos claimed the agency illegally charged "vacancy the agency illegally charged "vacancy charges" to tenants, discriminated against tenants, and mismanaged federal and local grants. The Mayor's Office announced it would investigate.

MTV video verité superstar and AIDS activist **Pedro Zamora** died of AIDS at 22. President Clinton said the TV personality "taught people living with AIDS how to fight for their rights and live with dignity."

U.S. District Judge Fern Smith ruled that Mayor Frank Jordan had the right to fire the Reverend Eugene Lumpkin from the city's Human Rights Commission following his controversial anti-gay comments in 1993.

Gay porn star Joey Stefano died of an apparent drug overdose in a Los Angeles hotel

December

The Gay and Lesbian Medical Association began a major campaign to convince leading North American medical societies to fight discrimination against gays and

Controversial former Shanti Project deputy director Melinda Paras took over as executive director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task force, becoming the third woman to head the organization in the last year.

The gay and lesbian center at the new Main San Francisco Public Library was named in honor of local philanthropist, gay leader, and principal donor **James C. Hormel.**

San Francisco Supervisors passed landmark legislation outlawing discrimination against transgendered people in housing, employment, and public accommodations in the city

Surgeon General **Joycelyn Elders** was **fired** by President Bill Clinton for speaking positively about masturbation as a component of sex education in public schools.

Cynthia-Ann Greene was granted com-passionate release from Chowchilla prison to a hospice near her family after a concerted effort by ACT UP San Francisco.

Stalking suspect Sean Sebring pled guilty Statking suspect Sean Sebring pied guilty to a misdemeanor count of making a threatening phone call to multimillionaire media mogul James Gabbert. Sebring retracted claims that he had been drugged and raped by Gabbert.



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whatever interested him.

Born in Ohio, he was raised in Colorado, Florida and Bermuda before settling here in 1963. He had a long, successful career. He was the first controller for the Advocate and was credit manager at such diverse places as Dakin Toys and Almaden Vineyards. He even "plugged people in" as an employment counselor.

A man of so many achievements—his proudest accomplishment was achieving lifelong sobriety and a new life through the fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous in 1981. He would joke about the irony: "Sober all these years and my liver's going!" Jim is survived by his loving companion, a large caring family and countless friends. The Neptune Society handled his cremation. A memorial will be held at the Science of Mind Church at 34th Avenue and Balboa on Friday, Dec. 30, at 7 p.m.

Jack Bicknell

Sept. 4, 1933 - Dec. 17, 1994



Jack BICKNEII

Sept. 4, 1933 - Dec. 17, 1994

Jack passed away after a long AIDS-related illness and treatment in the Veterans Hospital in Portland. Ore.

Jack, 61, was born in Alliance, Neb. He served in the Air Force (1951-1955) with the 67th Tactical Reconnaissance Wing in Kimpo, Korea. One of Jack's fondest memories was the military's allowing him to be with his brother Bill for six weeks on the USS Antietam CV36 during Korean operations. Jack also served in the Coast Guard Reserve for over 20 years as a chief petty officer.

One of Jack's wishes is to express his thanks and gratitude to the workers at the San Francisco and Portland Veterans Hospitals for their loving, tender and outstanding care. He wants veterans who are HIV positive or with AIDS not to fear the stigma thought to exist in the VA hospitals. What exists is confidentiality and value-added treatment.

Jack 61, was born in Alliance.

value-added treatment.

Jack is survived by his life partner
of 26 years. Tom Stubblefield; twin
sister, Jackie Starling; and stepfather,
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Terrence P. Stratton July 29, 1948 - Aug. 6, 1994



July 29, 1948 - Aug. 6, 1994
A native of Tacoma, Wash., Terry passed away at his home in San Francisco, surrounded by the friends he loved. With him were his "angels." Mary and Steve; his brother, Tim; and friends, Kim, Rob and Deborah. He was predeceased by his lover of 17 years. Charles Rembert.

Terry will be remembered for his intelligence, sensitivity, his sense of humor, and his warm and caring personality.

His undergraduate degree was in syschology from Washington State University, and his master's, also in psychology, was from UC Berkeley. He did further graduate work in vocational rehabilitation, a field he made significant contributions in as a regional supervisor for the Labor Department.

Terry is survived by his mother, Tim; and a large circle of friends. He was a man of true grace.

Dannie Royer



Dannie Royer

Sept. 18, 1950 - Sept. 23, 1994

Dannie Royer of Oakland,
California - singer, dancer, health

worker, student
of the occult,
channeler, world
traveler, inimitable clown, entertainer, protec-

traveler, inimitable clown, enctrainer, protector of animals, bicycle rider, viewed himself as a student of human nature, advisor and incessant fu s s - bud get, source of sprittural inspiration for his friends, recycler, person who walked lightly upon the earth, inveterate napper, loved his morning coffee calls (but don't call him in the afternoon!), concerned father, devoted son, bohemian by nature, Radical Faerie, "meet me at the Cafe Flore" – will be missed by the many people whose lives he touched. Dannie was one of the common people who proved that you don't have to be rich, famous or powerful to make a difference in the lives of others. He was a person who made the most of little and was heroic about his disease until the end.

William Warren Krum Jan. 30, 1949 - Dec. 19, 1994

Bill died of pneumonia at his hom peacefully and with no pain, o



with no pain, on December 19.
Originally from Sanger, Calif., Bill moved to the Bay Area in the early 1980s. He was a very quiet and friendly man who will be very much missed by his family and friends. A private service private service was held at the

family home.

Bill is survived by his parents, August and Dorothy; his sisters, Kathy Johnson and Diane Evans; and his niece, Kelly Johnson.

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envelope flap.

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Ronald Dwyer

Feb. 25, 1954 - Dec. 19, 1994



fashion model. Ron traveled and

Isashion model, Ron traveled and but always returned to San Francisco.

Ron's true passions were music and traditional Chinese medicine. He was studying to become an acupuncturist in Boston when he died.

Ron touched so many lives with his engaging personality, good looks and wonderful sense of humor that he will be greatly missed. His many friends in San Francisco will remember their happy times with him.

Ron is survived by his mother, Mary Dwyer; his sisters, Donna, Kathleen, Terri and Michelle; his brothers, David and Ed; and his six loving nieces and nephews. Memorial contributions are requested to be made in Ron's name to JRI Health Home Care Project, 130 Boylston St., Boston, MA 02116. ▼

Steven J. Lopez

Dec. 27, 1954 - Dec. 21, 1994 Steven passed from this world peacefully on December 21, with his



rember 21, with his partner, family and friends at his side, after a brave battle with AIDS. Steven was a warm, caring person with a wonderful sense of humor and a great love for humanity. He is missed by all those whose lives he touched.

those whose lives he touched.

Steven lived in SF for 17 years and was a member of the gay and lesbian sober community. Steven was also active in the Latino community through his involvement with El Circulo de Ambiente. He will be remembered for his generosity and his dedication.

Steven was proud of his

remembered for his generosity and his dedication.

Steven was proud of his sobriety and his pursuit of higher education. He earned a BA in La Raza Studies at SFSU and was working on his MA in adult education. Steven co-wrote and produced the play Paisanos, a story of the spread of AIDS which targeted the Spanish-speaking immigrant population. The play was performed in Mexico and San Francisco.

Steven is survived by his partner, Val; many friends; his mother; father; three sisters; brother; and a large extended family. A memorial and celebration of his life will take place at MCC/SF on January 8 at 2 p.m. ▼

William R. Forman

Aug. 16, 1957 - Nov. 2, 1994



Aug. 16, 1957 - Nov. 2, 1994
Billy's spirit passed peacefully at home in accordance with his wishes. His longtime partner Paul was at his side, and the love of many was lighting the way. He kept his chin up through many different travails, the loss of many friends and magical nights.

nights.
A true Leo, Bill loved all the good things in life. Born to be a king, this handsome blond was proud, warm, generous, hated boredom, and loved to live it up. Billy relished his youth and took full advantage of San Francisco upon his arrival in 1978. Millions of hours were spent dancing and enjoying the company of friends and all the excitement the city offered.

Born in Davion. Oh:

and all the excitement the city offered.

Born in Dayton, Ohio, Bill is survived by his parents, Robert and Phyllis; siblings, Jim, Tom and Linda; and a host of extended family. A formal service was held earlier in Dayton; ashes were scattered Christmas morning; and a celebration of life will be held in mid-January. Special thanks to all the caregivers, nurses and doctors who aided Bill over the many years.

"And when the earth shall claim your limbs, then you shall truly dance." Thanks for the good times, Billy; see you on the dance floor. ▼

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involved in women's causes, women's business efforts and so forth, they will not be giving "fully" to the "gay community." And lesbians of color who give to their women's community, or racial community, will be forced into a perceived need to "choose" loyalties.

The "old boy system" which continues to dominate culturally and economically in this country excludes

momically in this country excludes many of us for a number of reasons: race, religion, fitness and femaleness. Those individuals whose sole—though significant—barrier to "a place at the table" is their homosexuality are likely to have the most to gain from a separatist gay culture. After all, in

order to create itself as a separatist culture, some kind of core "gay culture" will need to have a narrowly defined "gay agenda" so that a loyal group buys in; there will be no room to address more divisive issues like racism, feminism, classism, capitalism and so forth; those won't be "gay issues to one who can see homophobia as an isolated obstacle. While there are those who will be satisfied with such a narrow definition of "gay com-munity," other queers whose lives won't be served by such a narrow political agenda may be better served by other available movements, such as organized labor, the women's movement and other civil rights move-

And, quite frankly, I'm not sure where that leaves us, because those

advocating what I am here calling a "narrow" scope of gay issues are, on the one hand, accurate in their view of what binds together the maximum number of queers. Yet I find it impossible to separate which lesbian issues should be addressed by a women's movement and which should be addressed by a gay movement, as if the issue isn't relevant to *both* movements if they want to count me, a lesbian, as

part of their community.

If something is an issue for disabled lesbians or transgendered people or gay men of color – people who are part "the" community - then isn't it a community issue?

My visit to Salt Lake City gave me pause to reconsider the extent to which one subculture in this country is pre-sent in the minds of people of other

cultures. And segregation, whether chosen or imposed, has a price, particularly in a democracy. After all, our political system depends on an informed citizenry. But if citizens know little about the lives of others – if one culture in a multicultural society knows little of another culture - then how on earth will the ballot box serve

the people?
Until we, as a queer community, can address our own diversity, I sure hope we don't go trekking off into the wilderness to set up shop. Until then, I hope my queer brothers and sisters find the love, kindness and support they need from the various communities

they call home.

Let's make 1995 the year that brings each of us a little closer to understanding the differences that divide us.

HEALTH NEWS

Serono

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their practices as "study sites" through their own Institutional Review Board (IRB). If a physician does not have an IRB, Serono has set up a national IRB for qualification purposes, which should help speed the process. After all the paperwork is filled out and rubber stamped, Serono will supply the drug for an initial 12-week study with eventual continuation after that.

A \$150-a-Day Habit

The FDA has authorized the TIND with the stipulation of a "cost recovery" program, which allows Serono to charge \$25 per milligram for Serostim. The daily dose for the first 12 weeks of study will be 6 mg. Cost recovery was an area of concern for activists, since expanded access programs are usually free. Patients will be expected to bill third party payers, and Serono has hired a reimbursement company to help patients obtain coverage; other experimental drugs for cancer have been successfully covered by insurance under other TIND programs. Patients who cannot get reimbursement may apply for indigent status and receive free drug. Only ten percent of the total study population will be allowed free

Had cost recovery not been allowed, the number of people eligible for the study would have been severely restricted. Allowing cost recovery will get growth hormone into the most bodies as soon as possible. It also sets a precedent for other small drug companies, which activists hope will speed development of

other promising drugs.

The road to access to recombinant human growth hormone has been a long and rough one: Serono delayed vital applications and the FDA demanded several re-submissions; there were constant communication problems between the FDA and Serono, while excuses poured out of both parties – and people with wasting syndrome were dying. ACT UP/Golden Gate is proud to have coordinated an activist working group from a wide range of AIDS organizations not necessarily involved in treatment advoca-cy. Organizations such as Project Inform, cy. Organizations such as Project Inform, Mother's Voices, San Francisco AIDS Foundation, ACT UP/New York, Treatment Activist Group, AIDS Project Los Angeles, and AMFAR were all involved. After months of haggling with Serono and the FDA, through phone and fax zaps, conference calls and appropriate threats, approval of the TIND was almost too good to be true.

Research Continues

Perhaps what interested activists early on about growth hormone (gh) was the obvious and sometimes dramatic results obvious and sometimes utamatic results they noticed in gh study participants. Seeing is believing with growth hormone. At a recent Project Inform Town Meeting held in Oakland, Martin Delaney of PI listed growth hormone as one of the best "reasons for hope" for PWAs. "We have something here that really works," said Delaney. He went on to point out a patient in the room who had gained over 20 pounds using growth hormone.

The early growth hormone data has some researchers excited. According to Dr. David Katz of the Medical Biology

Institute of La Jolla, California, the FDA approval of the Growth Hormone TIND will be significant not only because there will be widespread access, but also because small groups and medical practices will be able to start some very useful small studies. Katz, who could be described as a growth hormone enthusiast, has been giving presentations on gh and endocrine dysfunction in AIDS at various conferences around the country

for the last year.

Katz feels that there may be much more to learn about early intervention with gh in HIV infection. "It may be a serious setback to wait until late stage [AIDS] to start therapy," Katz said.

When asked about other hormones and When asked about other hormones and therapies in development for HIV endocrine dysfunction, Katz said, "My biases tell me that the home run will come with growth hormone." He further explained, "Growth hormone is a very primary orchestra leader to the endocrine system that is now available in abundant quantities, which cannot be said for many of the other [available hormones]."

Katz is not alone in his ideas these days. At the forthcoming Project Inform's Immune Restoration Think Tank, there is expected to be general discussion and presentations around the now expanding endocrine research in AIDS. Katz hopes to take the think tank in the direction of considering endocrine intervention of some kind, as a way of keeping HIV-infected patients stable. When asked if he Intected patients stable. When asked it ne thought that growth hormone could maintain patient stability (no progression of disease), Katz responded, "Absolutely! That's my whole thesis."

Several papers have appeared in the

last two years to suggest that HIV is not only an infection of the immune system, but may also be a disease of the endocrine system – the organs and pathways in the body that carry out metabolic functions like energy consumption and fat and pro-tein use. By measuring and manipulating the endocrine system, scientists are now exploring a new landscape that may reveal better and far more effective thera-pies, other that antivirals, to prolong and improve life.

Attacks on TINDs

But even as researchers make head-way, pressure is mounting to slow down drug access programs like the growth hormone TIND: on the very day that the FDA announced approval of expanded access to growth hormone, ABC Channel Seven's Dr. Dean Adell took what may have been a calculated slap at AIDS activists. In a three-minute video segment, Adell postulated that people who are dying are too desperate to decide what is right in the way of drug develop-

Adell is not the only person would rather that AIDS research were left up to only those who do not have HIV, but sur-viving activists remember when AIDS was being handled by only scientists and government: some called it genocide.

It is up to PWAs and their friends who object to the disempowerment of PWAs object to the discriptowerhieft of PWAs and people with cancer to speak out against it. Renewed public support of AIDS treatment activists could go a long way toward bringing highly beneficial therapies through the government morass and into patients' hands quickly.

Now more than ever, Silence = Death. ▼

AMA

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change sexual orientation, and to its ultimate reversal.

The new policy calls for "non-judgmental recognition of sexual orientation," a national health survey of sexual orientation and behavior, and a commitment to the principle that all patients "regard less of their sexual orientation have a right to respect and concerns for their lives and values."

Schatz said he saw far-reaching benefits to the change, beyond those immediately apparent, particularly in these times of increasing conservatism.

"No one is going to accuse e American Medical the American Medical Association of being a left-wing group. I think it's going to have a very significant impact, particularly with Congress," Schatz said.

A report by the Council on Scientific Affairs recommending the AMA policy shift acknowledged that most of the psychic pain and suffering experienced by gay men and lesbians around sexual identity issues comes from the alienation that stems from being gay in an anti-gay environ-

ment.
The AMA policy shift comes two decades after the American
Psychiatric Association in 1973 officially removed homosexuality from

the list of diagnoses of mental disorders. In 1986 the APA also removed an additional diagnostic category of dystonic homosexuality" from its mental disorders manual, but the new policy noted that despite the official APA change, anti-gay bias among physicians had an impact on patient care.

"In most cases the discom-

fort that health professionals experience with gay men and lesbians emanates from a lack of understanding con-cerning the needs of this population," the policy report

The report drew attention to a 1989 survey of general practitioners, in which only one-third said they felt com-

fortable with gay men and 41 percent felt that gay men should not work in schools.

The CSA report also documented a variety of health issues of particular concern outlined problems with health that homosexuals face. In one study, 84 percent of lesbian were reluctant to seek healthcare because of anxiety about receiving negative responses.

The report acknowledges that we live in a hostile cli-mate. And, for the first time, there is an analysis of lesbian health issues," Schatz told the Bay Area Reporter. "It's really groundbreaking."

The report calls on physicians to screen lesbians for

breast and cervical cancer and HIV, to take thorough sexual histories of all patients, and to abuse and emotional health

The report noted that HIV and hepatitis are the most important health issues facing gay men, and that lesbians are generally poorer than gay men or heterosexual women and have less access to health-

The AMA policy shift also encourages doctors to seek out local or national experts in the healthcare experts in the hearthcare needs of gay men and lesbians, so all physicians can achieve a better understanding of gay healthcare needs.

Black and Blue in Bernal

ast Wednesday, as the sun set on the shortest day of the year, I tasted death on Bernal Hill. It tasted like the dirt I was eating while "Tony," a 300-plus pound six-foot tall homophobe, kicked me slowly, repeatedly, in the ribs. It smelled like the toxic fumes of his dirt bike, idling ten feet away while his young son sat on it watching his dad beating a PWA. It sounded like the voice of my lover, full of terror, yelling, "Police, police!" to the void. But Death spoke most vividly to me just then in the voice of my assailant's friend, when he said, "Tony, don't kill this one."

The attack was sudden and The attack was sudden and violent. One moment the two large Latino men on dirt bikes with young boys perched on the seats in front of them were at the top of the ridge looking at me and my partner and our dogs laboring up the steep trail; the next they were trying to run us down. Our elderly beagle Lady, a country dog, immediately fled into the streets. My partner into the streets. My partner labored up the hill and called to me to follow; I climbed the steep slope until I heard my assailant preparing to run me down from behind.

"You wanna fight, faggot? Do you? Can you fight like a ' he taunted.

"I'm a person with AIDS," I answered (secretly hoping he'd

be afraid to shed my blood). "I don't want to fight."

My answer appeared to enrage him – I think he was on crack, because he had the wildeyed, self-feeding rage its users often exhibit. He leapt from his bike and batted me across the face sending my elasses flying bike and batted me across the face, sending my glasses flying. I scrambled to secure them. (This was my first mistake. I should have let them smash and instead tried to protect my fragile bones.) I was hit from behind and went down, and got kicked while I curled up to protect my head (and plasses)

head (and glasses).

Then he rode off, perhaps intimidated as witnesses began intimidated as witnesses began to drift in cautiously for a closer look and my partner came running back, giving up on mobilizing the distant crowd one peak over at "doggy central." "I looked back and saw you down,

Commentary

and realized he could kill you," he later told me

One woman came forward to offer help, but instead I fled from the park after my partner in pursuit of our lost beagle. (This was my second mistake. I (This was my second mistake. I should have gotten her name and let my partner find the lost dog.) As we left the park, my partner saw my assailant hanging out in his driveway, just one block to the left of our route. I didn't see him, and didn't learn this until later. To our relief, Lady was waiting, agitated, our doorstep. We called 911.

The last straw

A couple of beat cops took my report about an hour later, a pair of competent-looking women who encouraged me to women who encouraged me to follow up aggressively. Unfortunately, my partner, who knew where my assailant lived, was out running last-minute chores for our solstice party, due to start in less than an hour. (This was my third mistake. He might have been able to pressued them to accompany to the control of been able to persuade them to go right over to the perpetrator's house; instead, the ten-minute house; instead, the ten-minute trip turned into a nightmare of pointless delay while store clerks rang up a previous sale five separate times before they could get their register to work right.) In his absence, they could only take my report and suggest I call the next day with the rest of the info. We then continued with our solstice party, and this was not a mistake. Even though I was

solstice party, and this was not a mistake. Even though I was alternating between shivering and burning with fever – in retrospect, I realize, signs of shock – the presence of our friends was a great comfort and helped us keep a few shreds of sanity. The next day I called and was lold that my report couldn't nose.

told that my report couldn't pos-sibly be in the computer. I accepted this instead of persist-ing (my fourth mistake, allowing (my fourth mistake, allowing an entire day to slide by). But I was in greater pain than I could ever remember; six years

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living with AIDS has familiar-ized me with extreme fatigue and hellish fevers, but never this kind of pain. I frankly just want kind of pain. I frankly just wanted to ignore the world as much as possible and spent the entire day bedridden, except for a visit to my doctor. I was too far out of it to even notice how freaked out my partner was at my condition.

"I thought you were dying, that you'd given up," he told me later.
"I'd never seen you so far grone I."

"I'd never seen you so far gone. I was afraid it was the last straw." Indeed, the aftereffects of the

attack have been the equivalent of a full-fledged opportunistic infeca full-fledged opportunistic infection. Night sweats, which I haven't had in months, have drenched me every evening since the attack. I have constant fevers, my peripheral neuropathy has flared up, and I've lost five pounds in as many days. I'd been holding the line at 135 for a while; I consider 120 to be my "imminent death" point and that 15-pound surplus my vital reserve.

Now a third of that reserve is gone in less than a week as part of the chain reaction to my

of the chain reaction to my assault. I've been harassed, called names, had things thrown at me, and so on. However, I'd never been simply hurt so badly, and the combined emotional and psychological shock continues to take its toll as does the dread inspired by the fact that my assailant is still walking the streets as I write this, not two blocks from my home.

Fly the flag

The next day, fear outweighed pain and I resumed my police calls. I fought my way through four levels of brushing off: 1) "It's not in the computer" – it was; 2) "It's not our department call bate crimes" – a legit - It was; 2) "It's not our department; call hate crimes" – a legit referral, slowed down by the fact that the number listed for "hate crimes/special investigations" on the official police handout is wrong (a typo they've apparently failed to notice); 3) "We'll leave the message on his deak leave the message on his desk and maybe he'll get it before he takes off for the long holiday weekend" – not good enough; and, finally 4) "He'll call you back within the hour." back within the hour."

And indeed, Inspector Huegle from Special Investigations showed up that afternoon to take our reports. He told us he would visit the perpetrator's home and perhaps question my attacker. He would pull the files on his house, and notify Ingleside Station of the situation and make sure they knew about it. "If you see him again, go straight home and call

the police," he said. He also recommended that I

He also recommended that I take down my rainbow flag, remove the rainbow sticker from our truck, and avoid going out. More on this later.

On the strength of Huegle's reassurances, we set off for our afternoon walk up the hill. They say that when a horse throws you, it's best to mount right up again, before a fixed fear sets in. This behavioral technique works quite well—provided the This behavioral technique works quite well – provided the horse doesn't just promptly throw you a second time.

One block from our house,

One block from our house, we saw him, on the same bike, wearing the same 49ers jacket, at the exact same time of day heading out for the same hill. We fled home and dialed 911. They were surprisingly reluctant to act, but agreed to when we told them Huegle's instructions. Someone would get back to us, they said. No one did. A call the next day confirmed that Ingleside Station had no record of the

Station had no record of the incident, and they also claim never to have heard a word from Huegle. Were all his assurances as empty as a Bosnian Serb truce agreement, intended to get us off his back so he could get home for the holidays?

home for the holidays?

And to get back to the rainbow flag comment – if Huegle really thinks that anyone flying such a flag is in danger, then many Bernal queers are at risk. All the more reason for the cops to arrest my attacker. Or does Huegle think we should all take down our flags?

My brothers and sisters on Bernal, queer or gay-positive. I

Bernal, queer or gay-positive, I ask you for this gesture of solidarity: fly your rainbow flag this week! If we all fly them, we are week! If we all fly them, we are all safe by sheer numbers and confusion. If you don't have one, I'll give you one for free if you agree to fly it. I'll even throw in a free copy of Diseased Pariah News (our no. 9 is hot off the presses; our first issue in over a year, alas).

Also, if you witnessed the attack, please leave a message for me at the B.A.R.

The rainbow flag will continue

for me at the B.A.R.

The rainbow flag will continue to fly at my house, even if I have to buy a gun to defend it. My partner has opposed this for years, but he's changed his mind now. It's sad when a longtime pacifist lays down his principles and picks up the gun, but intense fear changes one's perspective and values. Maybe it's time for the Gay Rifle Association. Our motto can be: "We're here, we're queer, we're armed to the teeth!"



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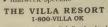


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COMMUNITY NEWS

Sheldon

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Washington Blade interview with Gingrich, conducted last April, the next Speaker advocated "tolerance" for homo-sexuals and acknowledged that his sister is a lesbian. But he also said he does not believe homosexuality should be "pro-moted" in the schools.

moted" in the schools.

Since the 1970s – including a time when he was involved with the failed California Brigg's initiative to dismiss openly gay teachers – Sheldon has persistently fought against any recognition of homosexuality in the public arena, especially in the schools. His scathing attacks are legendary against science teacher. are legendary against science teacher Virginia Uribe, founder of Project 10, a counseling program for lesbian, gay,

bisexual, and "sexually confused" youth in the Los Angeles Unified School District

Sheldon has also battled former LAUSD board member Jackie Goldberg now an openly lesbian Los Angeles
 City Councilmember – and current
 LAUSD board member Jeff Horton over Project 10 and the Gay and Lesbian Education Commission. Last year the Commission advocated for observance of Gay and Lesbian Pride Month and held the first Los Angeles gay teen prom. Sheldon then sent out a fundraistic latter to Los Angeles misinters ask. prom. Sheldon then sent out a fundrais-ing letter to Los Angeles ministers ask-ing them to join "together in holding back Satan.... We must protect our chil-dren and youth from this homosexual recruitment.

Asked by the *Times* reporter if he – or anyone else – had tracked the "incidence

of homosexuality" among children since pride month started in 1991, Sheldon said: "Not that I know of, no. I don't know of any tracking. ... Are kids crossing over? I can't tell you that." But, Sheldon told Dunlap, "the damage it's doing is it's telling kids that the lifestyle is O.K. and that experimentation is reasonable."

sonable."
Gay and Lesbian Commission director Kathy Gill told the *Times* that pride month was meant to "teach respect for all," just as LAUSD had months focusing on black, Hispanic, and Asian and Pacific people. "We aren't trying to change anyone," Gill told Dunlap. "We are saying we want to live with integrity and dispitity and be honest about who we and dignity and be honest about who we

But to Sheldon, there is nothing dignified about homosexuality. "Anytime you

say that it's viable and that it's a valid alternative, that's promotion," Sheldon told the *Times*. "You don't want to tolerate sin. You don't want to tolerate sin. You don't want to tolerate perversion. I'm not saying that you've got to have the state adopting theological statements – absolutely not.
"But what the Bible teaches in morals and in behavior is relevant to public poli-

"But what the Bible teaches in morals and in behavior is relevant to public policy. And there are millions of people who are holding to that firm belief."

It is that firm belief that Sheldon will try to convey to the Congress, and through the hearings on C-Span, to the American people. "We are here at the capital because the churches sent us here," Sheldon told the Times. "We stand upon the principles of Judeo-Christian values and beliefs. And there is no way we are going to say that homosexuality is we are going to say that homosexuality is viable." ▼

HIV Testing

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American Medical Association.

The study did find that screening inpatients to detect infection may be cost-effective when a significant per-centage of inpatients has HIV, but there are ethical and policy concerns that must be satisfactorily addressed before any large-scale counseling and testing program can be advocated, said Rebecca Higbee of the UCSF news bureau.

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The UCSF study was prompted by 1993 recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to consider instituting voluntary HIV counseling and testing programs for inpatients ages 15 and 54 years in selected U. S. acute care hospitals, information

from Higbee indicated.

Study findings showed that if one percent of a hospital's inpatients have HIV, testing to detect inpatient HIV infection would cost \$16,104 per infection detected, and 168,874 infections would be detected per year. If ten percent of the inpatients are HIV-positive, the cost would

drop to \$8,353 per infection detected.

But since some patients decline testing (and those who decline are thought to be more likely HIV-positive), only 54.2 percent of inpatient HIV infections would be detected, according to the UCSF study

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Ethical and poncy concerns were also definited by the UCSF study:

• Is an impatient counseling and testing program the best use of scarce HIV prevention resources?

• Are hospitals capable of carrying out such a labor-intensive program? (In some settings, inpatient HIV test-

ing has occurred without adequate patient informed consent or counseling, raising ethical concerns.)

• Will infected persons detected in the program experience medical or social discrimination?

• Can the problem of false-positive or indeterminate test results be reduced to acceptable levels?

Will testing at only selected hospitals lead to those institutions being identified as "AIDS hospitals," causing patients and healthcare workers to avoid them?
 How will counseling and testing be offered to sick patients who may not be able to give truly informed constant and the state of the st

patients who may not be able to give truly informed consent or understand test results?

Higbee said the UCSF study was co-authored by Center for AIDS Prevention researchers Dr. Andrew L. Alvins; Kathryn A Phillips, PhD; Dr. James G. Kahn, Dr. Robert A. Lowe, and Dr. Daniel Ciccarone of UC Berkeley.

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December 22, 29, 1994, January 5, 12, 1995

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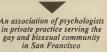
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Not a Fabulous Year

by Daniel Mangin

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The Cement Garden

Spanking the Monkey

Pulp Fiction

Blue (Derek Jarman)

Eat Drink Man Woman

The Scent of Green Papaya

Heavenly Creatures

Serial Mom

Speed

Scenes from Spanking the Monkey, left, and Pulp Fiction.



Ten Gay Books from '94

Between Covers

by Roberto Friedman

overs of gay literature had a lot of good books to choose from this year. Some of our most accomplished and poetic novelists published new work, Benderson, Cooper, Hollinghurst and Indiana among them. The large publishing houses brought out gay titles, while the small presses remained an important conduit for new and challenging work. And a gay novel first published in bowdlerized form in 1934 was issued, sixty years later, in a full edition.

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Lea Delaria

by Aiva Nidnacs and Polly Popular

ince you asked, yes, we have made our New Year's resolutions. If the Republicans can invent a Contract With America, we figure Polly and Aiva can strike a queer Contract With San

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Francisco. Here, then, is what we promise to do in 1995:

1. Our mothers used to tell us, "If you can't say anything nice, don't say anything at all." So from now on, Out There will be full of only nice, kind and loving gossip.

2. However, our mothers also used to say, "Where's the bottle of tequila I hid in the washing machine?"

3. We will never ever publish that longstanding (and simply untrue) story about Kelly McGillis smacking Whitney Houston in the face because she ran off with Jodie Foster after making The Accused.

4. We will drop that column we had planned devoted entirely to Carole Migden's hairdo.

5. We will not sleep with our sources, unless we really, really have to.

ne person who doesn't seem to worry about resolutions is KQED's jovial head of programming Kevin Harris. He's the person who wouldn't screen Sacred Lies, Civil Truths – an analytical account of anti-gay discrimination – in the upcoming season of the Living Room Festival. Rumor has it that some folks at the station's swanky offices felt that the tape was Christian-bashing. The Living Room Festival is one of KQED's few sops to equal time for independent, progressive film and video. Whatever, KQED did a U-turn at the last moment, and accepted an equally strong tape. The Great

Divide, on the same subject. This and three other works about defamation and discrimination play as part of the program curated by GLAAD and Frameline on Friday, January 13, at 11 p.m.

'm not afraid of anything that has a penis," confesses the only living actor who actually looks like one, Mickey Rourke, in a ravishingly bitchy Entertainment Weekly profile. "Get my drift?" Er, no, actually, Mickey, but we'll call you when we're casting the gay remake of 9 1/2 Weeks. (Filmed at The Endup over one Saturday night, it's called 9 1/2 Hours.)

peaking of Dicks: We are not about to break our recent New Year's resolution — so, no names on this one. Suffice to say that the source of that mysteriously placed used condom on the desk of a much-respected local lesbian activist is not a mystery to us. Perhaps some evil queen has spent too much time watching Grief?

ay All Your Love on Me:
In case you haven't received your regular subscription copy of U.S. Abba Fan Club Fanzine, you may be surprised to hear that Priscilla, Queen Of The Desert is being boycotted by dancing queens across the nation. "We're not supporting this film in light of the disrespectful way the group is portrayed," comments publisher Nathan Sanders. Could it have anything to with Priscilla's tasteless joke about Agnetha's body waste?

hristian Mythology:
Highlights from "50
Secrets You Never
Knew About Christian
Slater" in this month's Young &
Modern magazine: #27 "He
once said that he'd lick the eyeballs of his idol, Jack
Nicholson"; #28 "He actually
called Nicholson after meeting a
woman in a night club who had
his number" (Heidi Fleiss, perhaps?); #48 "Christian can

never tell a lie. Really. If he tries, his cheeks usually give him away."

YI, Young & Modern also features a groovy international photo spread, "The 1995 Global Guy Guide," a quiz called "Just How Bitchy Are You?" but, sadly, nothing on hot new lesbian nightclubs.

b Fab Blab Jab:
Gripping news for fans of Patsy and Edina. Comedy
Central begins airing the third and final season of Absolutely Fabulous next May. That's only five months left to catch weekly repeats of the first 12 episodes! (And if you still haven't mastered every line by then, sweetie, you can buy the first-season scripts, also due out in May from Pocket Books.)

A Lushen Hora (that's Jewish for ill-willed gossip): We've already reported that Elaine Holliman is set to direct the feature-length narrative adaptation of her award-winning short documentary, Chicks in White Satin — a Jewish lesbian wedding story — for Disney's Hollywood Pictures. We're skeptical of Disney and we're also curious about Holliman's reluctance to come out about her sexual orientation in a recent Advocate interview. Now Holliman is rumored to be the force behind the upcoming long, long, longawaited movie version of Rita Mae Brown's Rubyfruit Jungle. But will she cast Jodie as Molly Bolt?

he Next Generation:
January's Details magazine travels across
America to survey
today's youth. Asked "Which of
the following have you ever
been to?" an astounding 42 percent said "yes" to a gay bar or
club. Mind you, that's only 2
percent more than those who've
been to a jail, and only 10 percent more than those who admitted going to a Star Trek
convention. Can we thus
assume that the typical Details
reader is a sexually active
underage gay Patrick Stewart
fan?

Jailbait?: Lea De-Laria never seems to be out of San Francisco these days. Next week she turns up as the star of Digitial Queers' third annual fundraiser at Center for the Arts, in aid of Lambda Legal Defense Fund. Organized by Peter Poulos and Alix Sabin – two people who truly know how to throw a good party – the January 7 do is dubbed "Love On Trial." It's a party with a judicial theme, so does this mean that Lea will be locked up for crimes against language? For info, call (415) 864-8523.

hose Details readers may be the audience for a new porn genre, represented by Mark Lacey's landmark Exhibition, a new home video release from Alluvial Entertainment. Polly figures you'd call it "ambient erotica" since its images, like its trendy music, strive at creating a milieu of male mystique. There's lots of mystical images superimposed over hot shots of naked ravers, with intertitles like "Man is neither a process nor a thing, rather an opening or a clearing." After a while we got used to it, but Exhibition will probably dissatisfy fans of those complex Jeff Stryker storylines. If you want to get off, you might have more luck going to Blow Buddies and finding yourself a hot, er, opening or clearing.

nd for My Thesis, I'll Be Submitting a Jockstrap: If you're having trouble finding a copy of the new Harvey Milk Institute catalog, it may be because of frisky Mitchell Thompson. (The Milk Institute, of course, is a new community self-education program, a sort of queer Learning Annex.) Why Mitchell? Because, instead of submitting a headshot of himself, Thompson chose to sub a sexy photo of a near-naked model. Out There hears that advance subscriptions to his class – appropriately titled "Exploring Life As Art" – are going very well. Doubtless the first class screening will include Exhibition. \textsf{\textsf{V}}





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Just Who Are the Most Powerful Lesbian and Gay Men in San Francisco?

e Out There

by Aiva Nidnacs

ower. Some people earn it. Some people fight for it. Some people think it's an herbal protein drink.

Whatever your perspective, we can at least agree that power is measurable and objective. Who has it? Who doesn't? Who used to? We're not talking about the obvious suspects (career politicians, A gays, advertising types); we're speaking of the characters who create the shape of the city's queer culture, frequently from behind the scenes.

Here, then, is Out There's first annual list of – for better or terror.

worse – the most influential, the most powerful queers in San Francisco today. This at-a-glance-guide has been compiled from exhaustive interviews with the Bay Area's key opinion-makers. If you're not on it, and you think you should be, you must be getting your hair done at the wrong place.

1. Carole Migden

Scraping into the top spot despite her recent election humiliation (Kevin Shelley beat her for supervisor leadership), Carole is in dire need of a makeover, or at least a new do. But we love her anyway; she's the Mommie Dearest of the new lesbian and gay generation.



2. Jim Hormel

Cooked meat heir Hormel is one of the city's wealthiest, one of the city's wealthiest, most generous supporters of queer life. He underwrote Angels in America's run in SF, and handed over half a million to the Lesbian & Gay Archive at the new city library. Hey, don't worry about Fiji, Jim, we hear it rains a lot there anyweight. rains a lot there anyway.

3. Susan Leal

Hearty yet sometimes solemn, Susan has become sharpened in just two years on the job as Jordan's original Supe du jour.

4. Tom di Maria

Endearingly manic Executive Director di Maria transformed GLAAD into one of the city's most powerful and friendly



queer organizations. But was the "Hey faggot!" debate just a lot of hot air?

5. Tom Ammiano

Now that the adorable Ammiano has won a Supervisor seat, will he still have time for adorable stand-up comedy?

6. Bob Graham

Underneath that avuncular exterior is an acute editor. Graham is the main Man Of Letters at the *Chronicle*. In charge of the Datebook, he decides what queer culture gets mentioned... and what doesn't.

7. Julie Dorf
Athletic and inexhaustible champion of civil libs, Dorf is E.D. of the International Gay & Lesbian Human Rights Commission. You can e-mail her any time of day or night – just don't mention the NAM-BIA issue BLA issue



8. Michael Tilson Thomas

This high-spirited conductor-designate of the SF Symphony has yet to make music for the high culture queens, but he's already making an impression on San Franciscans. Look for him in February of '95 when he guests with "Classical Action," and in September when he offi-cially assumes control of the SF Symphony.

9 & 10. Tom Rielly &

9 & 10. Tom Rielly & Karen Wickre
Inventive, industrious and charmingly co-dependent co-founders of Digital Queers, Wickre and Rielly are the Mork & Mindy – no, the Akbar & Jeff – of the queer scene.

11. Tommy Avicolli-

Mecca
Abrasive, intense, fascinating figure, often found at A
Different Light, Avicolli-Mecca
was a key player behind local
protests against Prop 187. A five
minute chat with Tommy is like
a year's education in queer
activism — without the exam

12. Page Hodel

The Box is ground zero for good music and diversity in action. Hodel's influence extends way beyond selecting the sexy dancers

13. Harriet Poon

Poon is the brassy Bearded Lady behind Red Dora's Cafe. It's the coolest place to hang out if you're stubbly, and even if you're not (just so long as you're under 30).

14. Ron Santora

As KQED programmer, Santora is the most senior queer, and the one who decides how much – or how little – gay and lesbian programming gets on local public TV. Does Lawrence Welk count?

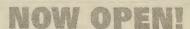
15. Elka Gilmore

Amusingly assertive and talent-ed chef behind Elka's and Liberte, Gilmore is the unofficial advertise-ment for lesbian high life.

16. Jeremiah Tower

He's no Elka, but hey, he does own Stars Restaurant, the

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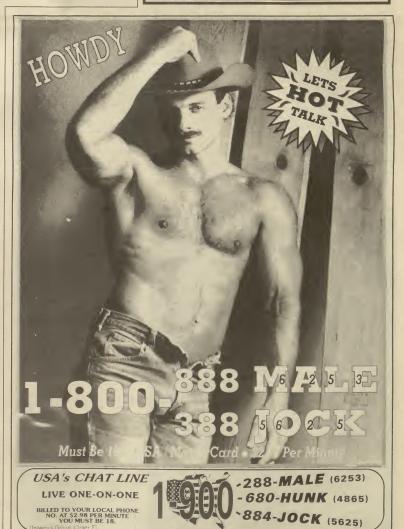
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Gay Glances at the Year on TV

Kiss and Tell

by Alan Frutkin

hroughout 1994, les-bians and gays hit the airwaves in record num-bers. Comic Lea Delaria made a guest appearance on Matlock and drag diva RuPaul is filming promotional advertisements for cable's Comedy Central. We saw gay episodes of Frasier and Friends, and there are more recurring gay characters on TV than ever

But as gay roles and gay

But as gay roles and gayrelated storylines turn up on the
small screen with increasing frequency, the continuing struggle
for visibility becomes less a
question of mere presence on
the airwaves than one of creating authentic gay identities.

In 1994, no image underscored that challenge more than
the gay kiss. From Armistead
Maupin's Tales of the City to
Roseanne to Melrose Place, the
kiss that dare not show itself on
TV tested the extent to which
network executives were willing
to portray gay "lifestyles" on to portray gay "lifestyles" or TV. Despite all of the networks efforts to increase gay presence on the airwaves, the gay kiss (or lack thereof) revealed a lingering reluctance to portray les-bians and gays as anything but asexual.

Good start

Good start

When the British-backed mini-series Tales of the City premiered on PBS last January, the year got off to a promising start. Or so it seemed. Adapted from the first of Armistead Maupin's six-volume series, Tales chronicles the intersecting lives of a group of single neople, extrainty. group of single people – straight and gay – who share an apart-ment house in '70s San

ment nouse iii 768 San Francisco.

The film's unflinching por-trayal of lesbian and gay life brought it both acclaim and

scorn. Right-wing politicians nationwide used a "controver-sial" image from the program to sial" image from the program to discredit it, the shot in which Maupin's central character Michael "Mouse" Tolliver (Marcus D'Amico) passionately kisses gay gynecologist Jon Fielding (William Campbell).

The kiss was a TV first – no kiss between two men had ever

The kiss was a TV first – no kiss between two men had ever been this intimate – but it also proved damaging. A fierce conservative backlash helped sabotage plans for a PBS-sponsored sequel. In April, newlyappointed PBS president Ervin Duggan pulled the plug on Tales 2. And by mid-October, Maupin's British backer, Channel 4, pulled out as well, citing the fact that there were no American partners who would share the project's \$8 million cost with them. What began as a milestone in gay-related programming, became an anomaly, a gay blip on the airwaves.

Not quite a trend

As the debate over *Tales* continued, another gay-related controversy was brewing at ABC involving the network's headline-grabbing comedy queen, and longtime friend of the gay community. Roseanne. In community, Roseanne. In February, Tom Arnold (who was still Roseanne's husband and executive producer of her hit series) announced that network officials had pulled an episode of the hit show in which a lesbian character kisses Roseanne in a gay bar. After a public out-cry, the network reversed its

decision and announced that it would air the episode.

The much-hyped kiss (a partially obscured, three-second peck between Roseanne and peck between Roseanne and Mariel Hemingway) was the second time in two months that a gay kiss occurred on TV. But it was no trend-setter, a fact that became all too clear by season's



Roseanne and Mariel Hemingway got close on an important episode of Roseanne.

end when executives at Fox proved even more squeamish proved even more squeamish than their counterparts at ABC. Last May, in the season finale of Fox's hit show Melrose Place, when gay character Matt Fielding (Doug Savant) kissed a gay friend of Billy Campbell (Andrew Shue), the camera cut away before the men's lips met to a shot of Billy standing in his away before the men's tips met to a shot of Billy standing in his apartment peering out through Venetian blinds at the two gay men. When the camera returned to Matt, the kiss had come and

Like ABC, Fox feared major sponsor pullout if it had shown the kiss. However, unlike ABC, Fox had no reason to bend ABC, Fox had no reason to bend to the will of a star (like Roseanne), and its decision to avoid airing the kiss was the year's clearest indication that broadcast networks were not prepared to accept the same-sex kiss as standard practice.

MTV paves the way

Ironically, within a month of Matt's "non-kiss" on Melrose Place, TV's most honest and unapologetic portrayal of a gay relationship cropped up on MTV's hit docu-soap *The Real World*. Cast member Pedro Zamora (who died of AIDS in November), along with companion Sean Sasser, presented to viewers the most complete portrait of gay life in the '90s – from the affectionate couple's many kisses and hugs to the care many kisses and hugs to the care Sasser showed for his ailing companion

One reason for this gay breakthrough is that MTV (Music/Television) is a cable network, which means its producers can take more chances than their counterparts on the broadcast networks. Furthermore, The Real World is ruthermore, the Real World is not fiction; its record of the events of Pedro and Sean's life together were reported as objective journalism, which, in the eyes of right-wing critics, is a "morally" defensible position.

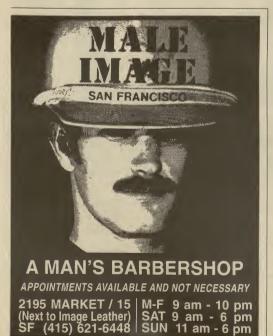
Hollywood's credit, recent efforts to incorporate gay recent efforts to incorporate gay storylines and gay and lesbian characters into network programs have reaped enormously successful results, from Northern Exposure's gay wedding last spring to this season's now-classic episode of Frasier in which the talk show host mistakenly sets up his gay hose takenly sets up his gay boss (Eric Lutes) with housekeeper Daphne Moon (Jane Leeves)

Also noteworthy is TV's newest gay character, My So-Called Life's Ricky Vasquez (Wilson Cruz), a sweet and streetwise gay teen, whose

unabashed effeminacy is the season's most intriguing development. (But catch Cruz while you can; word has it the show's going off the air.)

In looking ahead to the coming year, the real test for the networks will be whether or not

works will be whether or not they can continue to support the development of their gay char-acters, and invest these roles with as much depth as they do their straight parts. And, if these gay characters are to become more integral to their respective programs, that particular test may well prove it's all in the kiss. ▼





The year 1994 brought Armistead Maupin's Tales of the City.

'A Karen Carpenter Christmas'

On Top of the World With Karen and Dick

by Chad Jones

ith a hearty holiday helping of camp and more than a hint of genuine sentiment, the third incarnation of A Karen Carpenter Christmas, now playing for a short run at the Marsh, is easily the most satisfying holiday show in town.

Now that a Carpenter's trib-

Now that a Carpenter's tribute album from the Cranberries and Shonen Knife has topped the charts, the full lionization of the late Karen Carpenter is complete. We may now freely worship at the shrine of the eatingdisorder-afflicted, honey-voiced singer with only the slightest of reverent thoughts. Filmmaker Todd Haynes brought us Karen Carpenter's story as performed by Barbie dolls. Now, director Tom Ross and musical director/actor Morey Goldstein go one step further and bring Karen back from the dead to star with her dopey brother in a dopey Christmas TV special circa

Katie Guthorn's performance as the sweetest singing sister since Patty, Maxene or LaVerne is wonderful and assures us early on that this is not going to be some kooky, amateurish '70s love-in. Clean cut, chirpy and with the requisite trace of darkness, Guthorn plays Karen straight and gets big laughs. It helps, too, that Guthorn can nicely approximate Carpenter's unique mellow tone, one that places Carpenter in the pop idiom somewhere between Perry Como and Joni Mitchell. Can there ever be a more satisfying sight than the skinny, grintoo-big-for-my-face Carpenter wailing on her drum kit while crooning a syrupy pop song?

Guthorn may not have Karen's consummate skill with a drumstick, but she sure looks good a-playin' and a-singin.' Goldstein plays the ivory-tinkling, back-up singing brother Richard as a Hugh Hefner lookalike with a bowl cut. Goldstein's Richard steals his sister's spotlight whenever possible, but often in tiny, hilarious ways. Allusions are made throughout to Richard's sexuality – he wants his sister's pink corvette; his mother hands him a fruiteake with damning intonation – but because Richard is still with us, we can't have as much fun with him as we can with his dead sister. Funny world, this.

Guest stars and disco balls

It's campy enough to bring the Carpenters into the '90s with a cheesy '70s TV special, but throw in "guest stars" like Herb Alpert, Barbra Streisand, David Cassidy and Ethel Merman (all superbly played by Steve Small and Meg Mackay), and you've got a veritable camp fest. Mackay's Streisandian turn is informed, as is most of this show, by our present-day notions of these superstars. Much is made of Streisand's fingernails, her exorbitant performance fees and the catch phrase 'like buttah.' Mackay belts out a ballsy "Don't Rain On My Parade" and then decides to give the demure Karen some assertiveness training. On comes the mirrored disco ball and Streisand and Carpenter are duetting on the disco chestnut "Enough Is Enough." Man, can that Karen Carpenter boogie! (Pussy Tourette's choreography is divine.)

When Small appears as David Cassidy later in the show, the audience goes nuts. After singing a bit of "If I Were a Carpenter" with Karen, the erstwhile Keith Partridge rips through a poppy '70s Christmas song and then breaks into his hit "I Think I Love You" while women in the front row scream and clutch their hair.

All the hysterics are due in

All the hysterics are due in no small part to Small's brilliant evocation of the teen idol, right down to the puka shell necklace and the oh-so-sexy hair flips. The guest stars almost steal the show from the goody-goody stars, but when you're reveling in camp, mugging, hamming and stealing focus are par for the course.

And philosophy, too

In between guest stars, Karen and Richard play some of their hits, "Rainy Days and Monday," "Superstar" and, of course, "We've Only Just Begun." Goldstein's musical direction, along with J. Raoul Brody's additional keyboards, is excellent, bringing the Carpenter sound to life but punching it up just enough to make it more theater worthy. Amidst all the hit songs and guest stars, Karen gains a boyfriend in keyboardist Brody and learns an important lesson about the Christmas spirit: you have to remember the



Katie Guthorn and Morey Goldstein.

past and be present in your present, otherwise you'll have no future. Great music, big laughs and something to think about, A Karen Carpenter Christmas is a show that will leave you feeling

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Tutto Fellini

Throughout January and February 1995, Pacific Film Archive will present a Fellini retrospective featuring 27 of the master filmmakers films, from the early Roberto Rossellini film Paisan, co-written by Fellini, to the 1990 feature The Voice of the Moon. The series includes 81/2, Fellini's master work about memory, emotion, doubt and creation; La Dolce Vita, Fellini's famous vision of decadent '50s Rome; Juliet of the Spirits, which stars Fellini's wife, Italian actress Giulietta Masina (above); and such classics as Nights of Cabiria, La Strada, Amarcord, Satyricon, Roma, The Clowns, Casanova, I Vitelloni and more.

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Peter Jackson's Heavenly Creatures

Ten Flicks

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Our local fests had some bright moments –*The Olympic Summer* and *The Puppetmaster* (the one from Taiwan) at the San Francisco International Film Festival and 100 Days Before the Command, Glitterbug and Go Fish at the SF gay showcase. But for every gem this year, there was too much inconsequential "product" like Car 54, Where Are You? (easily the most inept picture of '94), Intersection, Blown Away, It

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Could Happen to You, I Love Trouble, ad nauseam. Still, the year was by no means a total loss. Below are ten favorites that played commer-cially in San Francisco in 1994 (see separate story in these pages for my 10 queer picks). A few are still in the theatres; the rest are already on video or will

Dreams

Dreamsand psychodramas
One of 1994's most affecting releases was *Hoop Dreams*, which tracked the high-school years of two African-American

basketball players hoping for a shot at college play and then a career in the pros. The boys literally grow up before viewers' eyes, facing the usual teen traumas plus family disasters, injuries, pressure from their coaches and other tribulations. One of the boys' mother's battles also inspire: her success at

One of the boys' mother's battles also inspire; her success at nursing school near the film's end is as touching as her son's.

Andrew Birkin's *The Cement Garden* is a well-acted psychodrama that centers on the odd emotional tie that develops between the elder two of four supplaned children living togethe orphaned children living togeth-

er in London. It's appropriately creepy and quietly knowing.
Incest also figures in the American independent film Spanking the Monkey, about the frustrating summer a 19-year-old boy spends caring for his invalid mother. The actress playing the mother is not entirely convincing when her relations convincing when her relations with her son become carnal; the film's real achievement is in its evocation of the awkward terrain between adolescence and manhood.

Bravado and audacity

The only drawback to *Pulp Fiction* is that the supercharged ode to straightboy bravado. despite its virtuoso aesthetic and healthy dollops of pop-culture healthy dollops of pop-culture quotation, isn't really about anything. But it doesn't matter because every time one starts noticing the film's vacant perspective, director Quentin Tarantino takes off on another diverting tangent. (No, we didn't miss the homo rape scene; its cheeky construction and authenticity to genre kept it from vexing us too much, though we

ticity to genre kept it from vexing us too much, though we
won't quibble with those who
found it offensive.)

Derek Jarman's audacious
Blue – so titled because the
screen remains a deep blue
throughout – is far more complex than this description might
suggest Jarman's multilayered suggest. Jarman's multilayered audio track explores vision, life audio track explores vision, life with AIDS, politics and culture; oddly enough, "pictures" do emerge, a reminder of cinema imagery's connection to the imagination.

Taste and 'Scent'
Ang Lee followed up his 1993 hit The Wedding Banquet with Eat Drink Man Woman, a gentle comedy about a master chef father and his three very different daughters. As with Banquet, the theme here is the clash between tradition and modernity and how to accommodate the two. Kuei-Mei Yang and Chien-Lien Wu as the older two daughters turn in nuanced two daughters turn in nuanced performances.

Tran Anh Hung made a daz-

zling directorial debut with *The* Scent of Green Papaya, nominated for a 1993 Oscar for best nated for a 1993 Oscar for best foreign-language film (it played theatres here in 1994). Beautifully photographed and with but spare dialogue, *Papaya* tells the story of peasant girl who comes to Saigon in 1951 to work as a servant work as a servant.

Murder and mayhem

The pity with Peter Jackson's



Kathleen Turner in John Waters' Serial Mom.

fanciful Heavenly Creatures is fanciful Heavenly Creatures is that its events, which culminate in the murder of a mother attempting to separate two teenage girls infatuated with each other, are based on real life. The director captures the manic passion underlying the girls' relationship but in the end doesn't forget the grayity of its doesn't forget the gravity of its consequences. Nor does he ignore the situation's lesbian overtones: The girls get cuddly close and take baths together, though Jackson makes clear – via a bumbling New Zealand psychoanalyst's ludicrous assertions about homosexuality and other touches – that this is not

other touches – that this is not the problem.

I thought Serial Mom would vault John Waters into the bigtime. Shows what I know – it flopped nearly everywhere but San Francisco, where it ran for weeks. Mom lacked star power (Kathleen Turner and Sam Waterston are not ones to pull in the masses), but it's Waters at his most sardonic. The film chugs along for a half hour, then takes off when someone crosses Turner's apparently sweet Turner's apparently housewife once too often.

Its premise was preposterous but *Speed*, the tale of a wayward, bomb-laden bus (that never dropped below 50 mph no matter *how* many obstacles it came across) was by far the best

came across) was by far the best
– and most draining – action
flick of the year. Phew!
Can't sign off without saluting a few other fine efforts: *The* Last Seduction, starring the vicious Linda Fiorentino; Clerks, the low-budget comedy about two convenience-store employees; and Ed Wood, staremployees, and Eu wood, star-ring Johnny Depp, who holds his own as the "world's worst director" next to Martin Landau's splendid imperson-ation of Bela Lugosi.





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Keanu Reeves in Speed

Queer Delights

his may not have been the greatest year for the mainstream cinethe mainstream cinema, but 1994 was not without its lesbian and gay delights. Below are 10 queer or queer-tinged films that impressed in one way or another since the ball last dropped in Times Square.

Audience favorites

World and Time Enough and
Only the Brave won the prime
audience-favorite votes – and
deservedly so – at the 1994 San
Francisco International Lesbian
and Gay Film Festival. Eric
Mueller's concept for World
(which opens at the Castro in
late spring) was almost revolulate spring) was almost revolu-tionary for grassroots gay cine-ma: his film about two midwestern gay male lovers was good-natured, romantic and for good-natured, romantic and for once didn't center on whiny, narcissistic or murderous homos. The lesbian protagonist of *Brave* faces more formidable obstacles than did the boys in *World* – a broken home, pyromaniac friends, and a concerned teacher whose ability to help the young girl is limited. *Brave*, directed by Ana Kokkinos is a tough-minded feature that ends on a well-earned note of hope. a well-earned note of hope.

Brimming with homoeroticism

who said they took the homoeroticism out of Interview With the Vampire? No way—this is one of the queerest pics of the year. Tom Cruise munching on Brad Pitt (so to speak), a half-minute two-shot of Brad Pitt and Antonio Banderas on the yerge of a smooch for the the verge of a smooch for the ages, Tom and Brad as gay fathers. Loved it!

fathers. Loved it!

On an equally nonspecific note, the Soviet feature 100 Days Before the Command brims with mostly unrequited homoerotic tension. In 100 Days, which played the 1994 gay film fest, young Soviet soldiers are put through torturous paces by dispassionate leaders; cruelty and kindness alternate among the rank and file. among the rank and file

Sweet and Low(brow)
Rose Troche's Go Fish was
the sweetest lesbian feature to the sweetest lesbian feature to come down the pike in a long, long time – since 1985's Desert Hearts, in fact. Aside from its girl-meets-girl dynamic, the romance in Go Fish couldn't be more conventional; that the film has fared so well in distribution (increment 22 million deserted). (just under \$3 million domestic box office) shows just how much we still crave this type of imagery.
Clarence Fok's Naked Killer

Clarence Fok's Naked Killer was first released in '92, but as it only received high-profile U.S. exposure in 1994, we're including it here. This (very) fast-paced action thriller has a goofy sense of humor and an almost, but not quite, feminist perspective. Its two lesbian assassins – Princess and Baby – make Sharon Stone's Rasic make Sharon Stone's Basic Instinct character look like a nun (well, almost).

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Threesome would have been just another lowbrow comedy for the late-teen set without its earnestly positioned gay scenario. A computer mistakenly assigns two men and a woman (named Alex) to the same dorm

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Tom Cruise and Brad Pitt in Interview With the Vampire.

World and Time Enough Only the Brave Interview With the Vampire 100 Days Before the Command Go Fish Naked Killer Threesome

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Queer reads

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The list which follows is not intended to be a "Ten Best" pronouncement; these choices reflect ten highlights from my reading year 1994.

The Burning Library (by Edmund White:

(by Edmund White; Knopf, \$25)
White proved his talents extend beyond fiction into non-fiction with his 1993 biography of Jean Genet. This new collection of his essays centers on literary figures (Capote, Williams, Isherwood) but includes ruminations on gay politics and culture. from gay politics and culture, from Stonewall to the present. Edited by David Bergman, who also edited this year's model of the Men On Men series; the cover portrait of White is by Mapplethorpe, whom the author eulogizes whom the beautifully.

The Desire and Pursuit of the Whole (by Frederick Rolfe; George Braziller, \$20)

Rolfe's story of the dissolu-tion of Nicholas Crabbe in Venice was never published dur-ing his lifetime because of its scandalous homoerotic content Crabbe loves his servant-boy Zildo, and admires muscular young gondoliers.) Though it was brought out in 1934 in much-altered form, this is the first complete edition to find print. It's wittier – and more overwrought – than Death In

Desire by Numbers (Art by Nan Goldin, Fiction by Klaus Kertess; Artspace Books, \$15) The series of Artspace Books, which has featured the

Books, which has featured the work of David Wojnarowicz and Nayland Blake, now pairs Goldin's color photographs of boy prostitutes in Thailand with a text by Kertess, curator of the



upcoming 1995 Whitney Biennial. Goldin captures the boy sex workers during their stage acts and in candid por-traits; Kertess' words make the Whitney objectification clear: "Peter had never tired of describing the silky black velvet down that crowned the dicks of the young boys in the sex clubs and circusboys in the sec clobs and circus-es of Bangkok – very different, he said, from the crinkly curls of the seaweed cascading over the top of adolescent Japanese dicks."

The Folding Star (by Alan Hollinghurst;

The second novel by the author of *The Swimming-Pool Library* confirms Hollinghurst's reputation for Hollinghurst's reputation for brilliance and command of the language. He describes the lives of "drinky," boy-crazy protago-nists in literate, deadpan prose. Symbolist painting, gay bar camaraderie, a soiled-skivvies business and obsessive desire all play a part in this dense, master-ful novel.

James Baldwin (by David Leeming;

(by David Leeming; Knopf, \$25) A new Baldwin biography which is unusual for its intima-cy: biographer Leeming was

Baldwin's personal secretary and confidante for many years, and a caretaker during the author's final days in the South of France. The story of a coura-geous life spent articulating rage against racism perhaps errs on the side of discretion (Baldwin's notorious alcoholism is down-played, his sex life skimmed over), but the portrait is respect-

The Other Man Was Me:
A Voyage to the New
World (by Rafael Campo;
Arte Publico Press, \$8)
In his debut poetry collection, Campo deftly explores the
position of "other" in America:
immigrant, Latino, gay parent.
The final cycle of poems is a
meditation on Dr. Campo's relationship to his patients with tionship to his patients with AIDS. They are remarkable for their clarity and compassion, as well as for their form, the son-

Real: The Letters of Mina Harker and Sam D'Allesandro (by Dodie Bellamy and Sam D'Allesandro;

Talisman House, \$10.95)
This correspondence between SF writer Bellamy (via her alter ego Harker, the heroine of Bram Stoker's

Dracula) and D'Allesandro, a local writer who died of AIDS at 31, is adventurous in its skating the thin ice between autobiography and fiction. Part of the book's pleasure is its insider's perspective on the SF lit-boho scene; but its most powerful passages, in Bellamy's final, virtuoso letter, have bigger fish to fry: loss, the vagaries of memory, Death.

Rent Boy (by Gary Indiana; High Risk, \$10.99) Indiana's acerbic wit is at full play in this black comic novel about a call boy working Manhattan. By tale's end we get the dirt on internal organ theft, Show Palace jackoff gigs, food fashion shoots, and famous writers with insatiable egos. A knowing take on a career of ser vicing "the strange desires of other men."

Try (by Dennis Cooper; Grove Press, \$20) Cooper's latest novel is some-

thing of a departure for the author of *Frisk:* a more textured work, with a measure of tenderness and or tenderness and compassion along with the usual boy mutilation, necrophilia and other nasty stuff. *Try*'s sweet, befuddled hero Ziggy is caught among two abusive gay dads, his

pedophile uncle and a "best friend," Calhoun, hopelessly addicted to heroin.

(by Bruce Benderson; Dutton, \$20) The story of lives lost beneath Times Square sleaze has strong narrative drive and energy. Benderson writes in the voices of hustlers, crackheads and a PWA out for a walk on the wild side, with empathy and an unfailing ear. *User* is the best novel published by a gay author

Other books which stood out from the rest in my 1994 read-ing include **The Wild Party** (Pantheon), the "lost classic" by Joseph Moncure March, with drawings by Art Spiegelman; Gil Cuadros' short story collec-tion City of God (City Lights); and Will Self's fendish My and Will Self's fiendish My Idea of Fun (Atlantic Monthly Press), his sinister follow-up to last year's *Cock and Bull*. Finally, books from 1994 at the Finally, books from 1994 at the top of my reading pile for 1995:

Bad Sex (Serpent's Tail), an anthology of stories by British writers, edited by John Hoyland; and Margery Kempe (High Risk), the new novel by San Francisco writer Robert Glück. ▼

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No Ordinary Pothoiler

Sparks Might Fly by Cris Newport; New Victoria, \$9.95

Sparks Might Fly is an impressive first novel by Cris Newport. The subject is obsession (the emotion, not the perfume), and Newport uses the world of classical musicians

Newport uses the world of classical musicians to explore this topic.

Pip Martin is a concert pianist whose obsessive love for Corrinne threatens to destroy her both professionally and personaldestroy her both professionally and personally. When Corrinne dumps Pip, her world collapses – she no longer has any desire to play the piano. Crushed, Pip returns to her childhood home, and her grandfather's forbidding disapproval. The agonizing reconstruction of her life forces Pip to confront past demons.

Newport takes what could be a trite plot line (absent mom, mean father figure), and fashions a compelling, sometimes painful, often exhilarating, exploration of personal discovery. I was particularly impressed with the

covery. I was particularly impressed with the way Newport used the musical imagery to reflect her character's moods and emotions. The only musical instrument 1 play is the radio, and in reading *Sparks* I felt for the first time that I understood what it might be like to

time that I understood what it might be like to make music professionally.
Sparks Might Fly is a very good novel. Its characters are well-developed, its language varied and rich. I strongly recommend it.

Twists and Turns

Painted Moon by Karin Kallmaker; Naiad. \$9.95

A friend of mine, hearing a tale of noble self-sacrifice, responded with the succinct (and accurate) comment, "Nobility sucks." Truer words ... as they say. In Karin Kallmaker's latest, *Painted Moon*, a pair of true lovers nearly miss the romance boat because each is determined to sacrifice (unnecessarily) for the other. But *Moon* is no "Gift of the Magi" knock-off. Rallmaker explores less and peed and relation. Kallmaker explores loss and need and relationships in this tale.

ships in this tale.

Jackie is an intern in an architect's office, dissatisfied with her job, bored with her boyfriend, and entirely unclear on what's really wrong with her life. Leah knows what's wrong with hers. Following the death of her lover, Leah has settled into a life of continuous mournes hidden away from friends and life in a cabine Lean has settled into a life of continuous mourning, hidden away from friends and life in a cabin in the mountains. When Jackie's car goes off the road in a blizzard, and Leah rescues her, the stage is set for a formulaic girl-meets-girl-and-

discovers-girls plot line.

But not from Karin Kallmaker. She takes her two main characters on side trips galore, each one believable, each a variation of the theme of noble self-sacrifice (see above). On the way, we meet parents and friends and colleagues, all dealing with the life thang in unpredictable ways. Kallmaker's writing gets better and better, her observations on the life lesbian more and more astute. *Painted Moon* is a very good romance novel with lots of extras.

Another Ubiquitous Year-End Top-Ten List for 1994

Sounds That Mattered

by Adrian Roberts

is the season for making lists. Lists of people to send holiday cards to. Lists of presents to shop for. Lists of New Year's resolution. tions. And, of course, lists of our top ten favorite albums of

your top ten arthur the year.

Okay, so maybe you don't make a list for that last one, but the And let me tell you, this I do. And let me tell you, this year it was tough narrowing my faves down to ten.

faves down to ten.

In the music world, this was quite a year. In many respects, this was the year punk broke – I mean, really broke – with bands like Green Day and the Offspring selling millions of records. Even queer punk, still very much a nascent, ghettoized phenomenon, gained increased exposure, with trend stories in such major music mags as Spin such major music mags as Spin pnenomenon, gained increased exposure, with trend stories in such major music mags as Spin and Raygun. San Francisco queer punk heroes Pansy Division, opening for Green Day, played Madison Square Garden a few weeks ago. If that's not a signifier of queer punk's impending arrival, then I don't know what is.

But let's give credit where credit is due. This year's punk rock explosion is the natural progression of the inroads that Nirvana paved back in 1991. An outspoken advocate of gay rights, Nirvana leader Kurt Cobain blasted homophobes in album liner notes, played anti-

album liner notes, played anti-discrimination benefits, and was, in general, one of the most queer-positive musicians in con-

queer-positive musicians in con-temporary rock music. His pres-ence will be sorely missed.

The following list is, of course, purely subjective. I am happy to say however that, save for two albums, every band on this list has, according to my sources, at least one queer member. Queers in rock rule! So without further ado, here are my top ten records of 1°94.

Hole - Live Through This

This is far and away numero uno for me. Courtney Love has emerged this past year as a con-summate survivor. Blistering, melodic and ferocious, this is the record Love had to make the one to throw back in the faces of all those who slagged



Combustible Edison: glamour and nostalgia.

People may still think she's a bitch, but on the prophetically titled *Live Through This*, her talent is undeniable.

Nine Inch Nails The Downward Spiral (Interscope/Nothing)

(Interscope/Nothing)
"Seeds from a thousand other drip down from within ... my disease, my infection, I am so impure." With lines like that, it's obvious that subtlety is not one of Trent Reznor's strong suits. But Nine Inch Nails is not about subtlety. Angst and self-hatred are the fuel that propels the dark and disturbing Downward Spiral – along with about a hundred layers of throbbing electronics and buzz-saw guitars.

Combustible Edison -I, Swinger (Sub Pop)

I, Swinger (Sub Pop)
Practically every party I've been to this past year has had this record on in the background. With a laid-back sound that evokes images of long-lost spy movies and glittery hotel lounges, Combustible Edison is red valued lounges, extractions. a red velvet lounge act updated for a '90s hipster crowd. By tak-ing its cues from '60s television

programs and tiki cocktail culture, it may seem a bit escapist, but it's the perfect antidote for those burnt out on sarcasm and negativity.

Beastie Boys — III Communication (Capitol/Grand Royal)

(Capitol/Grand Royal)
Okay, so what if none of the Beastie Boys is queer? They're cute, queer-friendly and damn if they haven't gotten funky! Ever since they grew up and started listening to some of the better music of the '70s, they've gotten really good. By far my favorite hip-hop record of the year, this one has a little bit of everything: funky grooves, slamming hard-core punk, laid-back instrumental jams and deliciously intelligent rhymes. gent rhymes.

The London Suede

Dog Man Star (Columbia)

Melodramatic, pompous,
pretentious – these might be pretentious – these might be seen as derogatory adjectives by some, but they're precisely why I love this album. Brett Anderson croons and moans with such conviction that it makes him all the more endear-ing, while Bernard Butler's glit-



Sky Cries Mary: Seattle psychedelia

tery guitar evokes shades of David Bowie in his glory days.

Sky Cries Mary – This Timeless Turning (World Domination)

Leading this seven-piece band through 13 mesmerizing tracks, Roderick and Anisa Romero may very well be the John Doe and Exene Cervenka of psychedelic space rock. With their gorgeous. trance-like their gorgeous, trance-like grooves, the band sounds unlike any other from their grungedout hometown of Seattle

That Dog – That Dog (DGC)

Imagine, if you will, what Wilson Phillips might sound

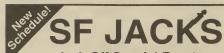
like if they were a punk rock band, one that wrote interesting baid, one that whole interesting lyrics and sang songs about girls. Though it may seem like a strange concept, this debut effort from LA's cutest band is nothing short of impressive.

Miranda Sex Garden -Fairytales of Slavery

(Mute)

It's difficult to describe just how beautifully original this band is. Violins, recorders and glockenspiels find equal footing here with more traditional guitars and drums. The band's powerful songs are aided by soaring female vocals, and it's obvious. female vocals, and it's obvious that they've all had much in the

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room. One of the guys gets the hots for the other – who's watched enough Oprah not to mind. Eventually all of the roommates get it on. Threesome

took in over \$16 million at the domestic box office, which means that more than queers were exposed to gay director Andrew Fleming's gentle per-sussion

Docs tell what's up
Three fine documentaries

explored some painful aspects of the queer past and present. Arthur Dong's Coming Out Under Fire chronicled the U.S. military's legacy of doublespeak regarding lesbian and gay service people. Isaac Julien's The Darker Side of Black explored anti-gay sentiment in

rap and ragga but went beyond mere finger-pointing. (Julien will be teaching at UC Santa Cruz during the spring semester.)

There's a marvelous gender role discussion at the heart of Kim Longinotto and Jano Williams' *Dreamgirls*, a documentary about a long-running revue in which women play all the parts. What does it really mean when female fans go gaga over a woman playing a man and say things like "because the women act the male roles, they can create the ideal man that women really want"?







Naked Killer

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Sounds

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way of classical music training, though whether these operatic punks are reveling in that, or rebelling against it, is hard to tell.

Stone Fox – Burnt (Piece of Mind)

It's not often a local band makes my top ten list, but this is the exception. Why hasn't Stone Fox been snapped up yet by a major label? This fierce, mostly female fivesome has everything going for them: good looks, great clothes, musical chops,

and songs about dildos and drag queens. I mean, what's not to like?

Veruca Salt - American Thighs (Minty

Veruca Salt - American Thighs (minty Fresh)

Though slagged by some as a second-rate Breeders, I beg to differ. I wish the Breeders sounded this vibrant. Wrapping dysfunctional lyrics around bristling pop melodies, this Chicago quartet creates fun, yet disturbing, music. Take their infectious hit single "Seether," for instance: "I try to rock her in my cradle, I try to knock her out, I try to cram her back in my mouth, yeah!" Whatever the hell it means, it's beautiful. ▼

Big 50

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place where servile lesbian and gay waiters tend to straight peo ple with good taste and big check books.

17. Lester Olmstead-Rose

One of the most consistent figures in a community that changes leaders as frequently as other people change shampoos, Olmstead-Rose is the E.D. of Community United Against

18. Dan Levy

The Chronicle's most, er, versatile reporter is equally comfortable covering city politics or cutting-edge queer issues, like body hair and Madonna.

19. Ayse Kenmore

Glamorous and generous benefactor Kenmore divides her time between SF and other locations – but when she's here, her swanky home is always busy hosting fundraisers.

20. Bob Ross

Yes, yes, we know we write for his paper, but believe us, it's true – he really does have a lot of power.

21. Kim Corsaro

Renowned for not returning phone calls (there are worse crimes in life), Corsaro is the dedicated, longtime editor of Bay Times. Call us, Kim, we have a question: are you really Nan Parks?

22. Mark Finch

Addled, English-accented director of the big-deal SF Lesbian & Gay Film Fest is one part princess, two-parts politesse. Sounds like a cocktail? Maybe that's why Finch's favorite phrase is rumored to be "Bottoms up."

23. Susie Bright

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If it's cutting-edge, she's done it (and we don't just mean sexually): editor of On Our Backs, author of saucy sex guides, in-person porn promoter, and mother, Bright is a beacon in the sexual hinterlands.

24. Armistead Maupin

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Perhaps the first openly gay
man to have a major TV series
bearing his name (Armistead
Maupin's Tales Of The City), we
think Maupin should be less
modest about his potential
power. How about a fragrance
line, Armistead?

Lovably bratty producer of local queer cinema hits *The Living End, Grief*, as well as the upcoming Frisk, Hu also co-owns Strand Releasing, a nationwide gay movie distribution company. Hollywood starts with Hu. Homo

26. Kate Bornstein

From talkshows to theatres across the country, Bornstein is a brave, lucid and self-effacing voice on transgender issues. She lives in Seattle now, but part of Bornstein will always be in San Francisco.

27. Mr. Marcus

Herb Caen of the SF leather

28. Bob Riley
Bob who? You won't be able to forget his name when the ultratony new Museum Of Modern Art opens next month; this queer curator determines who gets High Art's stamp of approval, and who doesn't.

29. Chuck Holmes
Owner of Falcon Studios,
Holmes exerts – is that the right
word? – huge influence over gay
male sexual fashion and fan-



30. Marga Gomez

Of all Bay Area queer enter-tainers, Gomez spills over with will-go-far talent and comic charisma. Is it genetic?

31 & 32. Jerry Bonham & Alex Cunningham

& Alex Cunningham
Pleasuredome may have been through many changes – and designer drug fashions – since its inception, but one thing that stays the same is the drawing power and sheer raving handsin-the-air spirit of deejays Bonham & Cunningham.

The spunkiest independent lesbian voice in the straight press, cultural gourmand Gerhard hits the Bay Guardian's G-Spot every week

34. Ann Mei Chang

Prime mover with Asian-Pacific Sisters, cherubic Chang was also behind the queer con-tingents at the Cherry Blossom Festival and Chinese New Year

35. Laurie Irving

Irving is the amusing Migden-baiting co-chair for Lesbians & Gays Of African Descent For Democratic Action.

36. Liz Hendrickson

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E.D. of the National Center
for Lesbian Rights,
Hendrickson has a cool head
and a peaty personality. She's
defender of many dyke's rights
to adoption, abortion and other
first freedoms.

37. Jenni Olson

Leather-jacketed, **James Dean** look-alike Olson is a star
amongst the San Francisco
media scene. Don't be deceived the butter-wouldn't-melt-inher-mouth pose.

38. Gregg Taylor

Taylor is testament to the synergy of self-promotion and imaginative activism. But what's he up to now – do artists suffer mid-life crises earlier than everyone else?

39 & 40. Phyllis Lyon &

Del MartinFounders of the famous women's clinic, Lyon & Martin are like the Cagney & Lacey of

41. Joan Jett BlakkWith her signature gaptoothed grin and cheerful wish

intimidating publisher of Deneuve magazine – Vogue for the lipstick-and-jodhpurs les-

44. Richard Labonte

See that guy in the back office of A Different Light? It's Labonte, the owner, taking stock of the literary scene.

45. Judy Dlugacz

Before there was piercing, lesbians used to spend their time listening to women's music, right? Judy Dlugacz – of Olivia Records – has shown savvy in keeping lesbian lyricists in tune with the times.

46. Daniel Mangin

to change the world, Joan is one of the most entertaining and politically committed drag queens we've ever seen.

By day, feisty photographer for the SF Examiner. By night, unpretentious president of the quietly mighty National Lesbian & Gay Journalists Association,

Stevens is the seductive, eeri-

42. Liz Mangelsdorf

Bay Area chapter.

43. Franco Stevens

Originator of the Out There column, Mangin's AKA ought to be Ida Indiscretion. Nowadays you're more likely to find this chameleon talent scribing B.A.R.'s porn reviews, or teaching his long-running Homosexuality & Film class at City College.

47. Donald Montwill

Now officially retired, Montwill was the juice behind Josie's Cabaret for years. He

chose the shows that set the standard for SF's queer theatre milieu. We know he'll continue to influence things at our favorite cabaret, even if from behind the scenes.

48. Fenton Johnson
In a city where waiters are writers, not actors, perhaps gentlemanly Johnson best symbolizes success – he's the openly gay essayist for *The New York Times* and author of boffo best-seller *Scissors*, *Paper*, *Rock*

49. Rachel Pepper

Opinionated, influential commentator Pepper is also SF's pin-up zine queen – the lesbian Larry Bob. influential

50. Jim Van Buskirk

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Behind the scenes, Buskirk
- director of the Gay & Lesbian
Center at the new SF Public
Library – has been patiently
assembling an ambitious
archive which will reflect the
state of queer culture today.
The big question: Will any of
our Top 50 count in this massive monument to homo history? ▼



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PARTING GLANCES

"BOODERS 2" on Lic. Plate
We were driving on Hwy 80, heading east toward Sacramento. You:
brown hair & moustache, driving a
white Mazda truck w/ firefighter
logos on back window. Me: short
brown hair & horseshoe moustache, driving red car. You took
Winters/Redding exit, (Hwy 505?).
Found you very handsome.
Please call. EXT 4330.

Aqua/Greeish M. Benz - You have short brown buzz cut & moustache, & beautiful eyes that match car. I am younger guy also w/ short cut & stache, br/br. Was driving rental car w/ a friend on Market bw. Noe & Sanchez. We kept looking at each other, but I was too shy then to stop & say hi. Been thinking about those eyes. EXT 4331.

Arcadia Bodybuilding Society -B.A.R. 12/8 issue, page 11. You are the model w/ moustache. Very handsome & very nice young GWM would like to work out w/ you & get some BB tips. EXT 4337.

J Church Cutie - Nov. 28, I got off at 16th/Church. Me: brown J Church Cutte - Nov. 28, I got off at 16th/Church. Me: brown hair, wearing all black. You: blondish brown hair, black leather jacket, scarf. Were you looking at me? I hope so! Please call. EXT 4279

Axteca Taqueria - Weds. 11/30, 6:30pm. Me: blue shirt, goalee, eating w/ friend. You: denim shirt (?), black jacket, pants. You sat behind me & to my right. Let's connect. EXT 4380.

J from NY - Welcome back to the city. I'm so sorry I couldn't say goodbye. I have to go back to Japan. Hoping to come back next Fall. Wish you a Merry Xmas. Cat. EXT 4389.

Brown Buick Regal, KPFA Sticker - At 150th St. Laundry, San Leandro, 3pm, Sat. 12/3. You wore white sweat shirt, I was in black w/ shades. Let's get togeth-er. EXT 4341.

Explorer 12/20 @10am - You: Blonde with moustache, driving your greenish Explorer down Duboce (3HX...). I was in silver BMW motorcycle in front of you; wearing black leather jacket. You

went gayly forward under freeway. Please calll. EXT 4426.

9/23 Underwear/Black Party You: Beefy, strong/silent type,sexy eyes, sweet smile, plaid flannel boxers. Me: dark, long, straight hair, athletic body, sweet eyes/smile, black jeans. We danced & I helped "conceal" your excitement. I would do anything to share the sunset & a bottle of dry end w/ you; at the beach on 12/10. red w/ you at the beach on 12/10 or 12/17. EXT 4339.

Buena Vista, Sun. 12/4 - We met cautiously, embraced tenderly. You ran, scared by overweight gawker? I was taken by your quiet presence, gentle touch, beautiful soul & body. Hope to reconnect in better setting, enjoy each other, maybe build finendship. I care, will honor your limits. EXT 4342.

Macy's Post Office - Fri. 12/2. We are 2 large men, each in our own way. I'm HIV+, if that's not a barrier, let's talk. EXT 4358.

Fri., 12/2, 4pm, Pine St. - Near Stock Exchange. You: grey pants, black jacket. You looked, I looked. I wanted to say hi but you got on bus at Pine & Sansome. EXT 4372.

Stonestown McDonald's -Tuesday afternoon 11/29. You handsome WM sitting alone read-ing newspaper. You caught the eye of this WM several times. You followed me into Merill's & then disappeared. Would love to meet you for coffee. EXT 4375.

12/2 Steiner Near Geary - You: White Suzuki (?). Me: red p/u w/ camper. Pressing appointment, couldn't stop. EXT 4340.

Coming Home Bingo 12/8 - You: Purple sweatshirt. Me: red jacket. We talked on the way out, wish I'd gotten your name. Let's do coffee sometime soon, or better yet, how about dinner? EXT 4422.

Peter from Eros - Peter, we met at Eros. I worked at the muffin shop. I lost your phone # shortly before moving back to Minneapolis. Please contact me. I still want to know you better. Lee. EXT 4387.

Miles Silverberg Lookalike - You came out of Walgreens at Castro & 18th around 2am, Mon. moming 12/5. I was in white 2 seater sportscar. You, "Miles

lookalike", dark hair, glasses, dri-ving BMW parked behind Walgreens. Want to meet. EXT 4388.

Fadda, Fadda, Fadda - All I think about is John. He is just too good for his own good. All I want is to hug & kiss you all over. Xoxoxo. EXT 4414.

Big White Chrysler New Yorker - You have reddish blonde beard, driving your New Yorker w/ tag 3EYP156. Very handsome GWM 28y/o wants to meet you. Please call. EXT 4427.

Plaid Shirt at the Post Office -Saw you at the Castro Post Office Fri., 12/16. Then you went to Cala. Would like to talk w/ you & see your smile. Hope to hear from you soon. EXT 4428.

Eve 12/12 Union Sq - Throw me another kiss, this time I won't miss. You got into your station wagon on Powell after leaving the book store we went up Powell EXT 4429.

Giraffe 12/17 - You-Adam, short blond hair, black jacket, jeans. Mebrown jacket, short brown hair & glasses. we exchanged glances, too shy to approach you. My friend gave you wrong telephone number. Second chance? Would like to hear from you. EXT 4430.

Castro Muni Station - I see you weekdays around 7:00 AM at the Station. You a little over 6 feet tall, dark hair, moustache, are impeccably dressed, carrying a large brief case and reading the paper while waiting for the train. You get off at Embar. You brightened my day. Like to get to know you. EXT 4431.

Eros 12/6 - Chuck is your name rhymes with luck. Our kisses were deep.We left together and walked to Muni. Can't stop think of you. Please call. The illustrated man. EXT 4432.

Repeat Customers - You-two hot young Asian men trying out the blazers at Geary Goodwill. Me: bearded bear cub wearing Goodwill employee ID. The blaz-ers looked good on you,like to see you naked. EXT 4431

Nobhill Cinema_Chinese - 12/8, We shared a booth. You-Chinese student, University. Me:Wht, mid 20s. Wish we had meet under different circumstances. You're beau-

writer, well educated, perfectly clean, not from SF. Lets try for something better. EXT 4434.

Dancing at the Dome 12/17 -You: Blue white plaid shirt, dark hair, great dancer. Me: Brown/ blond no shirt dress slacks out there dancer. EXT 4435.

SEEKING RELATIONSHIP

M-M

Rugged, Strong, Gentle Hearted
Prefer blue jeans & plaid shirts,
p/u trucks & motorcycles, & the
strong hold of another rugged,
butch man. I'm masculine, muscular, very handsome & romantic.
I'm also kind, honest, canning, wise,
creative, spiritual, GWM, 27y/o,
br/br, 5'10', 170#, moustache, & a
bottom. You are 30-45, handsome,
blondish, light eyes, w/ facial hair,
lean & toned, strong yet gentle,
caring & romantic, a top, & NS;
thick moustache a plus. I'm a
great catch, you be too. Leave
description & phone #. Thanks.
EXT 4335.

Into Mature Gentlemen? - Tall GWM HIV-, smoker, gr/a, fr/p, looking for younger submissive, loyal GWM for social times & poss. LTR. EXT 4343.

Like to be Treated Like a Man? Like to be Ireated Like a Man? If you're 18-35, sexy, goodlooking, cleancut, w/ facial hair, dominant tendencies, w/ pretty shiny cut dick ready to be serviced by Italian white boy. I'm 18, Latino, nexperienced, horny, eager, poss. bottom, w/ bitch acting tendencies. Respond. EXT 4344.

Looking for Mr. Right? - Me: GWM 31, 5°5", 160#, br/br, secure, responsible, clean & sober, smoker, bottom. You: GWM 5'10"+, top, horny, masculine, hairy, passionate, ND, loves to laugh. If this is you, what are you waiting for. EXT 4345.

Have a Bear Magazine Look -GWM 40, hairy, husky, balding, moustache. I'm 5'9", 195#, dark br hair. I'm looking for guy 20-30 w/ attractive boyish looks for poss.

LTR. I enjoy bicycling, nature, sci-fi, films, & safe versatile sex. I'm HIV-, & have good sense of humor. EXT 4346.

Dynamic, Committed - Deep Love & Happiness. Sensitive, caring, mature, educated, disabled guy invites spiritual, caring, athletic, adventurous, young, warm guy w'a big heart & high self esteem to enjoy deep loving committed monogamous LTR. EXT 4347.

Focus & Fit - Masculine Asian, 47, 5'9", 150#. Enjoy daily work-outs, arts, films, music, & safe hot sex. Available for a compatible, smooth, gym-toned, clean-shaven, WM for male bonding & more. EXT 4349.

Asian Seeks Asian - Deep, broad, smart & intuitive, sincere & honest Asian, 30y/o, 5'10", 160#, slim build, & go to gym, seek smooth body & sincere Asian for friend & more. EXT 4350.

More Than Just Meat & Color More Than Just Meat & Color - I'm human. I'm a 25y/o Black male, intelligent, cultured, attractive, nice body & realistic. Seek up to 32 in better than average shape & sincere. I'd love to meet a special guy for roadtrips & to just fall asleep laughing at TV. Equal opportunity employer - smile. EXT 4351.

Comfortable To Be With Comortable To Be With
Honest, unpretentious, romantic
GWM, 6'2", 170#, br/bl, 40s,
strong & slim. Would like to find an
in-shape buddy under 45 to share
the following: neighborhood walks,
nome cooked meals, kissing,
snuggling, massages, other
adventures. Sincere only, please.
EXT 4352.

Blonde Seeks Blonde -goodlooking man, 29 ws smooth, defined, seeks HIV-for dating. EXT 4353.

Seeking Friendship & Maybe More - Attractive Latino, 29, seeks GWM 25-35. Me: 5'6', 145#, dark hair, clean shaven, smooth body, professional. You: versatile, sincere, enjoy music, outdoors, NS, professional. EXT 4354.

GWM Seeks GLM/GBM - Attractive GWM looking for GLM/GBM for dating. Me: 31/6/, 51'07', 165', br/bl, moustache, workout, stable. You: versatile, enjoy music, dancing, Ns, in-shape, stable. Call me for a date. I'm ready & waiting. EXT 4355.

Seeking Smart Sensuous Cynic
- Mature, athletic, classical, bl/bl,
seeks complementary partner,
preferably introspective, critical,
nonflamboyant & w/ some
leather/levt fixation. Race & age
irrelevant if sensibilities match.
EXT 4356.

The Hottest Guy In Town - Even the hottest guy in town is not worth you risking your health over. Play safe! Protect yourself & those you play with. Always wear a condom when having anal sex, & don't exchange bodily fluids. If you're exchange bodily fluids. If you're healthy, don't panic, get early treatment, talk to someone that can bein & still fluids vafe. EXT SAFE help, & still play safe. EXT SAFE.

Relationship Sought by GAM -Helationship Sought by GAM —
"I'm a college student, 24y0, 57",
130#, clean, cute & stable.
Looking for GWM bottom, 20-25,
under 6", ht/wt proportionate who
is intelligent & educated for poss.
LTR. I enjoy travel, dining out &
spending time at home. Must be
HIV-& ND. EXT 4357.

Cute Latino Guy - New to SF would like to meet Latins or Caucasians 24-39 for friendship, maybe more. You: attractive, outgoing, independent, honest, sincre. Me: 23, 577, 1809. No tatoos, HIV+, ok. EXT 4373.

Good Prospect, Good Future -We need dates for romance lead-ing to LTR. We're sweet, sensual, sexy, sensitive, UB SF top GWM, clean shaven, healthy (HIV+ ok). Quality GWM bottom, early 50s, 5'11", 225#, wants you. Be younger than I w'elan & panache. EXT 4374.

GWM Seeks GWM 4 Friend/LTR With Seeks Gwin 4 Priend/Lin Me: 30, 6°2, muscular, handsome, intelligent, versatile, caring. Like movies, dinner, dancing, jazz clubs, quiet times & passionate evenings. UB similar, 30-39. If UR interested, give me a call. EXT 4376.

Oral Slave for Hi-Energy Man - I love serving friendly aggressive domination. Unattached seeks same for steady sexual relationship. Passionate expert WM, 48, 5°8", 160%, workout body, bald, beard. Seriously healthy HIV+. Mobile Oaklander, quick to city. EXT 4377.

Hot Bottom Looking for Top Daddy - Very handsome, very sexy, GWM 27, muscular, masculine, talented, creative, caring, affectionate, kind, romantic, down to earth. Seeking top, handsome, masculine GWM, 35-45, over 5'9", NS, ND, with facial hair & strong hairy body who has similar qualities for poss. LTR. EXT 4385.

HIV+ GBM - Seek White trim, built, somewhat masculine bottom. Me: 59", 145#, med. complexion, low key & possessive. You: 30y/r or older, in need of a loving, caring, serious minded Black man. All others need not apply. EXT 4390.

Godlooking All-American
GWM - 51years young seeks
goodlooking, handsome GWM,
any years young, into fun, friendship, even romance. Mountain
camping out, look for & find gold.
Lots of gold. EXT 4391.

Bottom Dad for Top Son -Affectionate dad needs honest, responsible son. Dates lead to LTR? Healthy HIV+ ok. Want GWMGAM son to 35. Dad: 53, 510°, GWM, 220#. Live in SF please. EXT 4393.

It Takes All Kinds - Boyishly cute GWM, young looking 33, 5'10', 170#, smooth, br/hzl, HIV-, intelli-gent, creative, humorous, sexual, romantic. Seeks tall masculine man, handsome, w big heart for loving companionship. Varied interests, opposites attract? EXT 4394.

Russian River - HIV+ GWM, 6', 200#, br/gr, 40, very goodlooking. New to Russian River area, would like to meet ruggedly handsome masculine men. EXT 4395.

Sexy GWM - Seeking goodlooking BM, well built, sexy top, 25-40y/o, HIV-. Me: 34y/o, goodlooking, 6°2", 185#, masculine. Love playing, making love & the outdoors, HIV-. Stability & serious only. EXT 4396.

Hippie Love - 28y/o GWM down to earth guy is looking for GWM w/ hippie look & outlook. I'm very handsome, moustache, love outhandsome, moustache, love our-doors, riding my motorcycle. You are hairy, have long blondish hair w/ beard, good person, handsome, financially stable, down to earth, NS, ND, into working for peace, love, & happiness. EXT 4386.

Just an Average Guy - GWM 6'4", 46, 230#, HIV-, br/bl. You: GWM, over 6', over 40, HIV-, a nice guy. EXT 4415.

Handsome X-Loveboat Captain
- Seeks mate for home life. Not
into bar scene, NS, lite drinking,
Love God & Church. Lots of hobbies. Not lonely, just alone. The
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Gentle Master Needed - 37
Latino/European, Br/Br, 577, 145#,
HIV-, gym toned, cute, affectionate, kisser, uncut, great ass, hot
bottom. Looking for a good master
to top me and train me to be his
longterm , exclusive pet. You are
35-45sincere, honest, liberal or
lefflie, good body, HIV- willing to
commit as I am. EXT 4436.

GB Midget or Small Person -GWM, Sml 160#, 50 looking for smallest little person, Me bottom open to most everything. Domination and some kinky acts. EXT 4437.

Tag-Team Partner Sought - Masculine, muscular, very hair GWM wrestler seeks LTR with similar mat maniac to share intense weightiffling work outs, no-hold barred pro-style ring battles to submission, challenging other tag teams. Muscular, hairy Latinos especially welcome; Blacks too. Ready? EXT 4438

GAM Seeking SWM - SF, GAM, 5'11', 160#, seeking intelligent, thoughtful, humorous, romantic, mature, NS, ND, HIV-, no facial hair, height and weight proportionate GWM. EXT 4439.

Dynamic, Committed - Deep Happiness, Sensitive, Love, Happiness, Sensitive, Caring, Athletic, Adventurous, Young, Warm guy with a big heart and high self-esteem to enjoy deep loving committed monoga-mous relationship. EXT 4440.

Weekend Courting/Romance? -Let's start the New Year together. We are clean shaven, affectionate, responsible, sensitive types who lives in SF. You: GWM top (HIV4-healthy fine). Me: GWM, 52, 511* 220#. bottom, Want LTR+Love EXT 4441.

GWM, 36, Brown/Green 185 Average build. Looking for one good gentleman who's not afraid of commitment. No preconceptions, no expectations. Let's meet and see what happens. I like pretty men with soft hair, mustaches and a mind that matches my own. and a mind that matches my own. I don't like Christians! EXT 4442.

If You Had Called - We share many interests, biking, hiking, relaxing on the beach in the sun and even spending a quiet evening just being w/ each other, maybe reading a book. We are 2GWM'. Physically we are wonderfully matched, at 30 my 5°8'slender and toned body is a nice fif for your equal or taller frame. Of course you always did like my blond hair hair & blue eyes. We are both health conscious. I must think of something special for our anniversary, Of course it is just a dream. EXT 4444.

Sexy Dad - Looking for hot man for good sex & good times. I'm 5'1 85#, well built, active, ver-satile, hung & uncut. Your in your 30's & looking for mutual satisfac-tion, call & tell me about yourself. EXT 4445.

GWM, 31 - I'm 5'7" 165#, brown hair, blue eyes well built, smooth, sexually, versatile, body builder. Like to dine out, easy going movies and sports, and looking for long term relationship! EXT 4446.

Gentleman Looking 4 Love -Attractive GBM, mid 20, 6'5", very nuscular, NS, ND, looking for men 29-35 who enjoy quite evenings at home, laughter and good sex. Must be over 6'1" NS, ND. EXT 4448.

Top Seeks Bottom In Marin - I'm a clean cut, GWM, 42, 5'10", 185, HIV+, happy & healthy seeking company of a good man who enjoys the fresh air & rolling in the hay associate with country living, I

prefer GWM, 35-45, HIV+ &

preter GWM, 35-45, HIV+ & healthy with weight proportionate to height. EXT 4449. Barrio Boyfriend Wanted: - You latino under 25 GDLKG, masculine, top. Me: blond, blue eyes, 5'9' 150 GDLKG over 25.. sincere only PLS. EXT 4450.

Psychic? - Paranormal experience? Esoteric spiritual pursuit? Parallel realities? Me to: Lets talk. Hari OM Blessed Be. EXT 4451.

GBM Seeks Friends - Must be bearded and thin. I'm 38 HIV-155#, 6'1". Into progressive art, rock, jazz, space music, massage, hiking, cuddling, mountains, woods, wildflowers, vegetarian food, gardening and spirituality, NS, ND, NA. EXT 4452.

Bear Magazine Look - GWM 40 hairy husky, balding, moustache, 5'9", 195#, brown hair. I'm looking for guy 20-30 with attractive boyish looks for possible relationship. I enjoy bicycling, nature, Sci-Fi, films & safe versatile sex. I'm HIV-& good sense of humor. EXT 4447.

Part-Time Actor - Seeking full-time friend. Objective-dating. I'm 5'11", 148#, 48, brown-blue, HIV-, NS/ND. You: HIV- NS/ND 30-50yrs, smoothish, HT/WT propor-tionate GM. Interests acting, theater, working out, running, hiking, etc. EXT 4453

SEEKING ADVENTURE

Looking for In-Shape Daddy
Bear - Very handsome, very
butch, very sexy, muscular, GWM,
Z7ly/o bottom cub, smooth chest w/
moustache is seeking a hand-some, butch, hairy, top daddy, 30-45ylo. I'm honest, caring, gentle,
comantic, kind, down to earth, you
be too. Facial hair a must & ht./wt.
proportionate. Blondish w/ thick
stache & light eyes a plus. EXT
4334.

GBM authentic bodybuilder seeks GWM or Italian male BB for safe times. I want a masculine dude who digs a brother w/ muscles. Only real muscle need respond. EXT 4359.

Hung Black Male 9" - Clean, uncut, 59ylo, HIV-, 170#, wants submissive deepthroated expert CS to suck cock & milk hot cum from my big balls. Erotic massage a turn on. Your looks unimportant. Sincere please. Older preferred. Leave name, #, & time to call. EXT 4360.

Extremely Hairy Man Needed – By same. 42, 58*, 153#, muscular, goatee, hairy front & back, wrestler, seeks same for intense fur-grinding pecwork, bearhugs, fur-licking oral satisfaction, muscled pumping workouts, hanging out barechested. Hairy blondes, redheads, Latinos a real cock pleaser. EXT 4400.

GWM Seeks Top Studs Interested in guys 18-23 for great oral service. Must be well endowed GWM or GHM. Me: 5'9", 190#, average looks. Always in need. Br/hzl. EXT 4361.

Muscular & Healthy Asian - 47, 57", swimmer's build, seeking a smooth, clean shaven, lean or muscular WM into hot, safe, sensual body exploration, oral & JO. EXT 4362.

The Hottest Guy In Town - Even the hottest guy in town is not worth

you risking your health over. Play safe! Protect yourself & those you play with. Always wear a condom when having anal sex, & don't exchange bodily fluids. If you're exchange bodily fluids. If you're third, and the condition of the condition of

Service Me - Hot Italian ex-football jock seeks oral servicing on a regular basis. Cum freaks welcomed. Call for detailed description. Long sessions preferred EXT 4364.

Got To Have It! Do You? guy seeks devoted to being bound & lashed. I offer magic hands, warm heart & a scene where noth-ing else matters. No baggage, no sex. You: under 200#, loned, & expressive. Me: 40 WM, 180#, HIV+, good body/face. EXT 4379.

Santa Is Here - Let him put his hot White red lips around your big White red dick. Santa wants your eggnog, in or out, now or later EXT 4404.

GWM Seeking Hairless - Want hairless chested wonders 18-29 for day & night playtime fun in Castro apartment. Me: 6'2', 165#, dark hair, muscular, goodlooking. You: handsome, trim, & eager. EXT 4407.

Horny, Healthy, HIV+ WM - ISO horny, healthy, Asian men for sexual excess. 38, 5117, 165#, br/br, avg. looks/build. Into sensual-sexual fun from mild to wild, sweet to slutty. Love to kiss. EXT 4366.

GWM 52y/o - 5'2", 130#, HIV-, like my hairy ass massaged & litely spanked. French worship my balls. I like giving head in 69, then fuck me slow till we both cum. My place in San Rafael. EXT 4367.

Very Hot - Butch, Blonde (flat-top), handlebar stache, 5'9", 140#, & crazy for cops & other butch types. I wear uniforms myself & look the type. Very uninhibited, disease free (you need not be), & dying for hot sex. EXT 4381.

I'm a Moustache Lover - Into I'm a Moustache Lover - Into guys w/ thick mustaches, especial-ly horseshoe type, hairy bodies, especially blondes. I'm very hot GWM, great body, nice guy, very sexy & romantic. Looking for fun w/ possibility of more if chemistry works. EXT 4424.

GBM, HIV+ Seeks Asian - Who's trim built, somewhat masculine, bottom for hot & heavy sex. Me: brown skin, 5'9", 145#, very interested in meeting hot Asian guys. EXT 4392.

Seeking an Affair - GLM, 5'8", HIV-, seeks discreet affair w/ GWM 30-45, HIV-, blondes or redheads, already in a relationship for hot ongoing encounters or affair. EXT 4398.

Discreet Oral Massage -Hirsute, husky guy, 50s, will mas-sage you your way, East Bay only. EXT 4417.

Hot Italian Cs - Available days & evenings. Seeking hot men to drain on regular basis. Castro location. Call for description. Let me be your CS slave. EXT 4399.

The Hottest Guy In Town - Even the hottest guy in town is not worth you risking your health over. Play safe! Protect yourself & those you play with. Always wear a condom when having anal sex, & don't exchange bodily fluids. If you're HIV+, don't panic, get early treat-

ment, talk to someone that can help, & still play safe. EXT SAFE.

Mid Peninsula Cockswallower Likes giving White guys under 4 free BJ. Me: 35, 205#, 5'11' Hawaiian Filipino, short blk/br. Wi drive to you; out only. So lay ba & let me suck it dry. EXT 4401.

Hot Bottoms Needed - By 50y/o GWM top, 6', 155#, br/br, glasses, 9" cock. You under 40, Caucasian or Latino, smooth body, nice firm ass for my big cock to blow for long sessions. EXT 4402.

Sex Crazed - You have average and above looks, weight/height proportionate, cum loving, pis drinking, butt licking who can appreciate a grt looking, drk skinned guy wf a huge dick. Public encounters at plus, private encounters at your place ok. Ready to get down & dirty? EXT 4463.

Hot Tongue & Cock - Well built WM, 5'11", hung big, needs in-shape WM, hairy body w/ a big firm hairy bubble butt to tongue fuck & fuck. EXT 4403.

Attn. Mexican Topmen - 34y/o BM bottom would like to meet Mexican topmen for fun & friend-ship. If you're nice & know how to take control, please call, don't be shy. EXT 4405.

Stud Butt-Hole Licker
Muscular, raunchy jock w/ rimseat. Looking for nasty studs who
like to have their assholes worship
by an eager, hot tongue. EXT
4464.

Big Toys FF - Black male, 35, seeking FF man. Mutual a plus, for long hard hours of fisting w/ hands & toys. Your place. 5'9", 160#, round bubble butt. EXT

Looking for Dessert? - I'm a handsome, ass-eating, tuck buddy for smooth bodies 20s-30s. Nice Italian dick stud, blk hair, hairy, mid 30s. Call now. EXT 4408.

GBM Seeks Hairy Husky -Attractive Black male, 5'10", 165#, HIV-, smooth body, coffee & cream skin, seek GWM 45-65 w/ a big thick cock that loves to be serviced for hours. I'm very good. EXT 4409.

Objective: Hot Times! - Me: WM, 170, 46, 5'10", sports fan, beard, no bullshit, no bars/scene honest. You: BM, any age, top, height/weight proportionate. EXT 4454.

Into Strong & Sensual Hands -Attractive North European guy, 45 with strong sensual hands. No drugs. Not into barscene. EXT 4455.

Oral Service - BM, 6'11', 180# hung, muscular. Will service WM. Latino, Asians, bike messengers other things possible. EXT 4458.

Let's Practice! - 29, AHR. Tall, smooth, fit, br/bl, healthy. Nervous in sexual situation Seeks sinc. yngr. guy to ex. w/ massage, oral, cuddling. EXT 4459.

RU Small, Proportioned? - UF wanted here now by 135#, 5'6" 6"x6"UC WM. Sharing, caring open, party man to SC and balls, lick &Fuck smooth ass. I am 51. UB HIV-. Call EXT 4462.

Seniors (50+) - A horny, husky, masculine, sexy senior man(maybe 2 or 3) would enjoy the talents of an endowed, experienced, mature black man. Let's enjoy some privacy, video, drinks, aroma and each other. Thanks. EXT 4456.

Feel my Moustache - in your crack and my tongue up your butt. Me 36 WM 6' 160# BR/BL EXT 4457.

Asian Doing Asian - Lets get together at your place for lots of

oral and butt play. I'm 5'11", 178#, 38, HIV-. Into safe versatile intense sex. Smooth and slim a +. EXT 4465.

Hot, Handsome, Top - This total top, GWM, 40, 6°, 170#, mustache/goatee is seeking totally hot bottoms for the holiday season. HIV+ OK. lets Fuck! EXT 4468.

Eastbay Late Nights - Do you like dirty talk but are lired of phone sex? Like J/O but only mes suck/fuck types? Like buddy to buddy fun but meet tops or bottoms? Do you drink & smoke but clean living types? Then let's party (share \$0.50), my place, 10-11pm. No video or shaved cooks.. EXT 4469.

Hot Asian from Saoto - GAM 5'9" 150#, loves to be humped screwed by GWM w/ big dick. Loves to service your body w/ my mouth & tongue. I need someone to open up my man hole, I will try toys and other kinky stuff. Love dominant daddy. EXT 4466

pecs to enhance an engorging hour. Bring cylinder & camera. Hairy redhead a+. Muscular only. EXT 4420.

My Hot Mouth, Your Ass -Please respond if you are healthy, well built & enjoy long sessions of having your ass licked & admired for hours by handsome 35ylo Latin. No reciprocation wanted. Let's play. EXT 4421.

408 Area Code or Car - Will spread my legs if you will deepthroat a big black one regular-ly. EXT 4470.

East Ritualistic Cock Worship East Ritualistic Cock Worship - Mainly into intense, heavy mutual dirty talk jerk off. Possibly some oral (mostly me receiving) while we are getting fucked up (share expenses 50/50) My place, 10-11 m. Not into video, shaved cocks. Let's put on our own show Seeking quys very endowed, thickness more important than length.

FETISHES

Lover of Barefeet Seeks Same Lover or barereet Seeks Same 'm' sensually/sexually aroused looking at, kissing, smelling, licking, caressing clean barefeet in reciprocation & JO. I love all-over body play Masc. gding, GWM, 5'9', tim, hirsute, HIV-, N/A, N/D. LTR poss. E. Bay area preferred. EXT 4369.

Toilet Top - Demands total service. Seeks obedient bottoms, may train novices. Have rimseat. I'm 36, HIV-, 6'2", 205#, gymtoned. EXT 4370.

Exhibitionists Only - Let me video you jerking off, cum on your belly. CS, no faces. All ages, races, sizes, uncut a+. Private personal use only. EXT 4371.

Sadistic Daddy Type - A little overweight but handsome, offers live-in situation to big dicked naked boy who is relationship oriented & eager to serve. EXT 4368.

BiWM 30, Seeks Guys 18-25 - Interested in regular get together at my home in Oakland near Lake Merritt. I love cock & ball worship & light anal sex & JO. If you have suitfried bring her alport her a girlfriend, bring her along too. I'm very discreet. EXT 4410.

Spanking - Hot guy, 41, 5'8", 145#, fit, attractive, looking for lean, hot guys under 35 who need a good, old fashioned spanking. Pull 'em down son, let me warm up your round ass. Discipline hurts. EXT 4411.

The Hottest Guy in Town - Even the hottest guy in town is not worth you risking your health over. Play safe! Protect yourself & those you play with. Always wear a condom when having anal sex, & don't exchange bodily fluids. If you're HIV+, don't panic, get early treatment, talk to someone that can help, & still play safe. EXT SAFE.

Eager SM/BD Bottom Seeks Top - Me: GWM, 6', 180#, 72y/o. You: smaller, younger, call to check my list. I lust for servicing your demands Sir. EXT 4412.

WM Pussy Toilet Pig - Seeks Black, Latin, White, one or more to use me for full toilet service & gang bang on my hole. I need verbal abuse & humiliation, need to be fed on regular basis. Serious only. EXT 4418.

Tall WM Seeks TV - Also TS or fem type male. EXT 4419.

Vacuum Pumpers Rise Up -Need GWM BB for play on my 46"

COUPLES

Two Hot Lovers - Looking for "Two Hot Lovers" ad, ran on 11-17, Box 4088. Your mailbox was always full. Please call. Also interested in meeting others & singles. EXT 4413.

Hot GWM Looking For Hot Couple - This hot & sexy GWM 28y/o is looking for a hot couple for cocassional 3 ways. I'm mostly a bottom, handsome, lean, masculine, muscular, affectionale. You both have facial hair, are masculine, don't smoke, in-shape, over 35. EXT 4423.

Pumped? - Ultra deepthroat gumjob for you. Hours of to the root service for dick proud top-cocks. Super pumped dick. EXT 4472.

Your Ass Will Sizzle - Ass massage-lite spanking. Spanking will stimulate nerve endings you next knew you had. Me: Attrac. GWM 6'5", 44, 280#, football players build. You: Attrac, GWM, 18-35,slim, smooth to mod body hair, nice buns, You need it bad! EXT 4473.

Experience FFB - Deep wide drain seeks expert plumber, plunger fist, long slow sliding, fast punching, your way your limits. Lean, 59, 5'11", 165#, beard, tatts. Top couples welcome. EXT 4474

OTHER

Looking for a Young Lesbian Couple - That is thinking of having children in the future. GWM 27, very handsome, responsible, caring, HIV-, would like to be a father some day. Leave a number & let's talk about it, see if a friendship develops? EXT 4332.

Penis Enlargement - GWM wishes to talk to someone who has surgically had their penises enlarged. Safety, results, costs, etc. Will call back discreetly. Thanks much. EXT 4333.

American/Dutch GWM Couple - Seek American/European Lesbian couple who also need to exchange marriage. We are committed, responsible, very goodlooking, caring, NS, 27/39. Absolutely no strings attached, looking to obtain work permits. EXT 4336.

Still only 98¢ per minute to respond to ads!

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John Epperson returns.
Tonight and Sun. at 8pm,
Sat. at 8 & 10pm (\$25). \$15.
Josie's Cabaret, 3583 16th
St. 861-7933.

San Francisco Ballet's production runs thru 12/31, call for times. \$7-75. 7:30pm. War Memorial Opera House, 301 Van Ness Ave. 776-1999.

Scenes From

Singing For Your Life

Art Was Here

New Year's Eve dada rave play & party. \$40/couple, \$25/individual. 10pm. Marilyn Monroe Memorial Theatre, 96 Lafayette St. 552-3034.

Big Block Party
Doobie Bros., Neville Bros.,
Meat Puppets, Thelma
Houston, more. \$65. 8pm.
Embarcadero to Drumm St.,

24-hour singing vigil, conceptualized by Bobby McFerrin, with SoVoSo, Glide Memorial Choi, Oakland Jazz Choir, others. 6pm to 12/31, 6pm. Grace Cathedral, California & Taylor St. 979-4936.



Wanna Submit?

Send calendar listings to: This Week
Bay Area Reporter
395 9th Street
San Francisco, CA 94103 Deadline is the Thursday before issue date.



Christmas with

Christmas with
the Crawfords
Artfull Circle Theatre presents Xmas Eve at home
with Hollywood's most
famous dysfunctional family. Miss X, Connie
Champagne and others.
Thurs. 8:30pm, Fri. & Sat.
8:30 & 10pm thru 1/7. \$15.
The 450 Geary Theatre,
450 Geary. 626-5455.

Club nZinga

Global dance party, DJ Mongrel. \$5. 9pm-2am. El Rio, 3158 Mission St. 282-3325

Gay Comedy Night Michael T., Matina Bevis, Doug Holsclaw. \$10. 10pm. Josie's Cabaret, 3583 16th St. 861-7933.

of Gay Sex
A new musical comedy by John Fisher. \$12. Thurs.-Sun. thru 12/31. Studio at Theatre Rhino, 2926 16th St. 861-5079.

A Karen Carpenter Christmas

Karen Carpenter has been offered her very own Xmas special, but she has to come up with a concept. Last performance. \$12-14. 8pm. The Marsh, 1062 Valencia St. **641-0235**.

SEE THURS

Kiki & Herb
Justin Bond and Kenny
Mellman bring their lounge
act back to the Sky Room,
Fri. & Sat. in Dec. \$12.
11pm. Eichelberger's, 2742
17th St. 863-4177.

Last of the Suns
A former general in the army of Chiang Kai-shek celebrates his 100th birth-day in the San Fernando Valley; preview: \$14. Opens 1/4, runs Tues.-Sun. thru 1/27. 7pm. Berkeley Repertory Theatre, 2025 Addison St., Berkeley. (510) 845-4700.

Washington to Market St. (510) 762-BASS.

Club Universe

Club Universe
Severe house energy
dance club featuring Inner
City. \$20 advance (at
Headlines, or box office:
974-6020), \$25 door.
Admission includes free
entrance to Pleasuredome
on Sun., 1/1. 9:30pm. 177
Townsend. \$85-5241.

Women's dance party with Chili D & Ivette, hot salsa and house music. \$10. 9pm. Olive Oil's, 295 China Basin Way. **552-7087**.

Dinner Dance for Women

Produced by Bay Area Career Women. Members \$75, non-members \$80. 7:30pm. Grand Hyatt Hotel, Union Square. Advance sales only. **495-5393**.

Girth & Mirth Club New Year's Eve dance party: lots of finger foods. Call for information. **824–0260**.

My Love Life
Nine gay men in search of
intimacy: Ronnie Larsen's
hit comedy. \$15. Thurs.Sat. at 8pm thru 1/28. New
Conservatory Theatre, 25
Van Ness Ave. 861-8972. **Grey Tabby**

Grey Tabby
Alien Conspiracy
Dorothy Wang, The Slo
Club, the Grey Tabby GoGo
Dancers. \$5-10. 8pm. Luna
Sea Women's Performance
Project, 2940 16th St.,
#216C. 863-2989.

Chaka Khan

Chaka Khan
Pop singer Khan joins
Dimensions Dance Theatre
in a Kwanzaa and New
Year's celebration to benefit
Jubilee West, Inc. \$75.
9pm. Center for the Arts
Forum and Theater, 701
Howard St. 978-ARTS.

Living Sober SF Gay & Lesbian Fellowship of Ah osts New Year's Eve dance. \$10-15. AA, Al-Anon mtgs 8pm; dance 9pm. 401 Van Ness Ave. 978-2478.

Music Marathon

Music concert specials, 9pm thru 6am, include Luther Vandross (9pm), Carole King (9:58pm), Queen (12:44am), k.d. lang (1:44am), KQED, Channel 9. **854-2000**.

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Opening of new Sat. nite
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Hosh Gureli, fundraiser for
Mobilization Against AIDS.
\$20 advance at All
American Boy, \$25 door.
8pm. 520 4th St.
978-9448.

GAWK

The Gay Artists and Writers Kollective seeks videomak-ers, publishers, musicians to join its weekly meetings,

New Year's Day Concert

Community Music Center Orchestra and Chorus per-forms Beethoven's Symphony No. 9 in a bene-fit concert. \$10. 4pm. First Congregational Church 495 Post St. **647-6015**.

Hike SF Hiking Club goes to Wunderlich Park, San Mateo Co. Meet 10:30am under Safeway sign, Market & Dolores, \$7/car. Rain cancels. 826-3489.

Artwork and poetry by Bay Area teens, graphic design by Rex Ray, on view in kiosks along Market St. thru Feb. An off-site art project by the LAB and Small Press Traffic. 346-4063.

Open Mike
M.C. Suzy Berger. Aspiring
queer comics sign up by
phone. \$5. 8pm. Josie's
Cabaret, 3583 16th St. 861-7933

Synthesis

Recent work by Marque Comblatt. Mon.-Sat. 9am-6pm, Sun. 10am-5pm thru 1/22. Architects and Heroes Gallery/Salon, 2239 Fillmore St. 921-8383.

Winter
Group Show
Works by Paul Cadmus,
Randall Lake, Jennifer Li
and others. Thru 1/28.
Holiday hours: Mon.-Fri.
10am-5:30pm, Sat. 10am5pm. John Pence Gallery,
750 Post St. 441-1138.

Wenda Watch, culi-nary expert on recipes made with Spam, on Lavender Lounge,

SEE TUES



Concert
Community Music Center
Orchestra and Chorus presents Beethoven's
Symphony No. 9. Free.
10pm. First Congregational
Church, 495 Post St.
647-6015.

Boz Scaggs

Soul cover band Curveball opens at 9pm; Scaggs at 11:45pm. \$139. Grand Ballroom, Fairmont Hotel, 950 Mason St. 772-5021.

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Sundays at **731-2424**.

New Year's Day

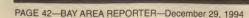
Culture In Motion

Gay Comedy

The Radiant Baby

New gallery showcases local artists Hugh Shurley, Watter Lopez, Robin M. White, S. Brett Kaufman. Call for times. 285 Church St. **487-0677**.

Winter



Yucatan Exhibit

Mira Gomez and Eduarto Del Valle's photographs: the dwellings of Mayan descen-dants. Mon.-Fri., 8am-10pm, Sat.-Sun., 10am-5pm. Downstairs Gallery, UC Extension Center, 55 Laguna St. 252-5221.



Angels in America Millenium Approaches alternates with Perestroika, Tony Kushner's big A play. 7:30pm Tues.-Sat., 1:30pm Wed., Sat., Sun. \$13-45. Marines Memorial Theatre, 609 Sutter St. **749-2ACT**.

The Art of Star Wars

Models, paintings and artifacts used in the epic film trilogy. Tues.-Sun., 11am-6pm, Thurs. til 8pm. \$8. Center for the Arts Galleries, 701 Mission St. 978-ARTS.

Nicole Eisenman

Lower East Side artist whose work teems with urban realism. Tues.-Sat. 10am-5pm, Thurs. til 8pm, Sun. 12-5pm, thru 1/15. Walter/McBean Gallery, SFAI, 800 Chestnut St. 771-7020.

Keith Haring

Exhibition of original art-work. Thru Jan. Martin Lawrence Gallery, 465 Powell St. **956-0345**.

Journeys Into the Interior

Photographs of rural life by Jock McDonald. Also: work by Howard Schatz, Joan Myers. Mon.-Sat. 9am-6pm Mryers. Wision Gallery, 1155 Mission St. 621-2107.

Lavender Lounge

Gaylesbian TV show fea-tures new segment, "Wenda Watch White Trash Cooking Show." Tuesdays, 10pm. Cable Channel 47. 337-4921...

"In the Shadow of History" and "When Borders Bleed: The Struggle of the Kurds," exhibitions about the largest ethnic group in the world without a nation. Tues.-Sat. 12-5pm thru 1/28. SF Camerawork, 70 12th St. 621-1001.

Right of Way

Drawings, paintings, auto-Polaroids by Michael Patrick Shanoski. Reception tonight, 6pm. Tues.-Sat., 12-6pm thru 1/30. Mulligan-Shanoski Gallery, 747 Post St. 771-0663.

Rock N Roll Tuesdays DJ Chris V spins classic to prog rock. \$2 cover. The Stud, 9th & Harrison Sts. 863-6623.

from the Present

Exhibition of miniature work by Olga de Amaral. Tues.-Sat. 11am-5pm thru 1/14. The Allrich Gallery, 251 Post St. **398-8896**.



of Chicago

"Great black music, ancient to the future." Thru 1/8. \$18-20. 8&10pm. Yoshi's Nitespot, 6030 Claremont Ave., North Oakland. (510) 652-9200.

the Santera

Traditional and contempo-



rary images of holy personages by women artists. \$3. Wed.-Sun. 12-5pm thru 3/12. Mexican Museum, Bldg. D, Fort Mason Center. 441-0404.

Delirium

New work by David Collins, Adam Savage, Antonio Sindorf, others. Wed.-Fri., 12-4pm thru 1/7. Opts Art, 250 4th St. **546-7844**.

Four hot performance talents: Lynne Bourne, Michael Anderson, Gregory O'Neil, Andrea Leigh Levin. \$4. 7:30pm. Climate Theatre, 252 9th St.

Gay Skate

Rink full of queers on roller-skates. \$5 includes skates rental. 8-10:30pm. Rolladium Roller Rink, 363 North Amphlett, San Mateo. Info: 96-SKATE.

Old Glory, New Story
"Flagging the 21st Century," an exhibition of American flags redesigned by 75 artists. Tues. Sat. 12-6pm thru 2/4. Capp Street Project, 525 2nd St. 495-7101.

Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead

Are Dead A.C.T.'s production of Tom Stoppard's Hamlet satire. Tues.-Sat. at 8pm, Wed. & Sat. at 2pm, Sun. at 3pm thru 2/5. \$13-39. Stage Door Theatre, 420 Mason St. 749-2ACT.

San Francisco Symphony

Paganini,

Debussy and Scriabin. Wed.-Sat. at 8pm, Sun. at 2pm. \$9-65. Davies Symphony Hall, Grove & Van Ness Ave. **864-6000**.

Too Beautiful for Words

Tor words
Twenty visual artists celebrate sensual enjoyment.
Tues.-Sat. 11am-6pm thru
2/2. Bucheon Gallery, 355
Hayes St. 863-2891.

TH

Gay bingo benefits Coming Home Hospice, every Thurs. \$12.6pm. Most Holy Redeemer Church, 100 Diamond St. 241-0425.

Goblins from the Lands of Ice Harupin-Ha Butoh Dance Theatre presents a winter tale inspired by Icelandic folklore. Thurs.-Sat. at 8pm, Sun. at 2pm thru 1/15. \$12-20. Theater Artaud, 450 Florida St. 621-7797.

Nowhere Band

Nowhere Band
Created by George Coates,
music by Marc Ream, a mix
of theatre, jazz, opera,
magic and data rock.
Thurs.-Sat. at 8pm, Sun. at
3 & 7pm thru 1/15. \$14-34.
George Coates Performance Works, 110
McAllister St. 863-4130.

In Night School
Charlie Varon plays
the chubby rightwing radio personality.
Thurs.-Sat. at 8:30pm.
\$10-15. The Marsh,

1062 Valencia **641-0235**.

SEE WED

The Second Coming of Joan of Arc

Debra Wright performs staged readings of excerpts from new collection of plays by Carolyn Gage. \$3-10. 8pm. Old Wives' Tales, 1009 Valencia St. 821-4676.

Women Who

Women who Stand Up Women stand-up comics, straight and gay. Thursdays. \$4. 8pm. Cats Grill and Alley Club, 1190 Folsom St. 972-8047.

Yankosky
Photography: fashion, por-trait, nude and still life. Thru Jan. at Josie's, 3583 16th St. 861-7933.

Photographs of the Yucatan by Eduarto del Valle and Mirta Gomez at UC Extension, SEE MON



Join Us New Year's Eve!



Roasted Rack of Lamb with rosemary-mint gravy 13.95 Prime Rib au jus with creamy horseradish 12.50

Surf & Turf: Grilled N.Y. Steak with grilled prawns brochette al pesto 13.95

Grilled Salmon with garlic mashed potatoes 10.95

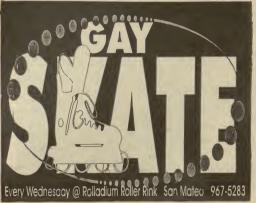
Chicken Cordon Bleu stuffed

Patio Cafe

531 Castro Street, between 18th/19th Breakfast/Lunch From 8 A.M. Daily Dinner Served From 5 P.M. Nightly







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MR. MARCUS



Keith Hunt of Denver (front row, sixth from left), Mr. Rocky Mtn. Drummer, won the International Mr. Drummer title over 13 competitors last September.

1995: the Year of the Pig

ithin 48 hours, 1994, the Year of the Dog, will be history. Nineteen ninety five, the Year of the Pig (4693), will begin when the Lunar Calendar starts on Jan. 31. Think of all those dudes in our midst who are already run-31. Inink of air hose dudes in our midst who are already running around with pig pins on their lapels! Having recovered from the Christmas madness, everyone's looking forward to ushering in the new year on Saturday night.

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For many, friends from the "provinces" are enroute to celebrate New Year's Eve, and plenty of parties are being planned all over the campus. Of course, everybody was completely pooped out this past Monday from all the Xmas partying, so they're laying low and resting for the big year-end orgy.

There was a big turnout at the Green Room of the War Memorial Bldg. on Christmas Eve as volunteers and donors provided a sumptuous meal for AIDS patients via the AIDS Emergency Fund. Earlier in the day, the Defenders MC staged their Santa Look-alike contest at the Lone Star with a beerbust to benefit LYRIC. All around town the Christmas spirit was in full force.

Nineteen ninety-four was a

Nineteen ninety-four was a memorable year. Thousands of dollars were raised by many dedicated people in our commu-nity. Friends too numerous to mention here left us because of

Leather and Drummer con-Leather and Drummer contests were staged all over the country: In May, San Jose's Jeffrey Tucker ascended to the IML title; in September, Keith "The Fuzzy One" Hunt of Denver won the Intl. Mr. Drummer title over 13 other contestants; and in late October, Rochester's Victor Magide won the American Leatherman title.

Anne C.S. Bergstedt of Seattle won the Intl. Ms. Leather title and later resigned. Leather title and later resigned. Outrage and severe criticism greeted the IMSL. Inc. Board because of supposed ineptitude and lack of communication with their paid members. Citing "lack of support from the community," they farmed out the title to former IMSL. Amy Marie Meek of Omaha, who will produce the contest as a profit-making venture in profit-making venture in Chicago in July 1995. Later in the year, 1st runner-up Cindy Bookout was sashed with the IMsL. title, which she will hold

until July '95. Nineteen thousand dollars (give or take a thousand) was "allegedly" embezzled by a "allegedly" embezzled by a trusted officer of the Inter-Club Fund. According to my sources, \$1000 of the missing funds have been paid back. When the remainder will be repaid is any-locky's mess body's guess.

Meanwhile, the bike clubs

have staged numerous successful benefits in order to build up the resources of the ICF treasury so that they can distribute funds to all the needy who've been denied grants all these months. ICF officials can the SEP District Attorney. cials say the SF District Attorney



San Jose's Jeffrey Tucker returned the IML title to Northern California last May in Chicago. Here, he is photographed with IML '93 Henri Ten Have of Amsterdam.



They call him "Bear Dog" (L.) and he's the new publisher of *Bear* magazine, photographed here with his new editor Joseph Bean. They took over Brush Creek Media two weeks ago.

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has (as yet) failed to act on the complaint and they (the ICF officials) cannot fully explain the delay, or when the embezzler will come to trial, if at all.

As a founding member of ICF myself, I can tell you that Ken Misso and the other founders who are no longer with us are probably whirling in their graves at this development. Charges of "good old boy" protection of the person who betrayed the community have been surfacing of late. Don't ask me what's going on. David Scribner can answer any questions you may have. The ICF seems to be in such disarray that I'll bet they don't even know where their corporate seal is!

where their corporate seal is!

Late in 1994, three SF leather title-holders raised quesitions about the leather commu-nity and "fixed" contests, accountability of funds raised, scoring techniques, and the cho-sen beneficiaries. They've been writing letters to editors all over town. One of these scribes later disavowed the content and tone

disavowed the content and tone of the letters and apologized to the community.

To say that judges in San Francisco's leather community are dishonest is a blatant falsehood, as are many of the other charges. I didn't hear them complain about secritors when them

charges. I didn't hear mem complain about scoring when they won their titles, did you?

A few weeks ago a summit was held with the disgruntled and some of the SF Leather Daddies. From where I'm standing, it doesn't look like much was accomplished. Because I've was accomplished. Because I've been judging leather contests all over the country (even in Canada) since 1980, I hardly think my integrity is in question by leather leaders around the country. I resent being accused of the aforesaid by two people who are both perceived to be unworthy of their titles and unclear on the concept of what it means to hold a leather title

Overall, though, leather communities here and abroad should pat themselves on the back for having raised literally thousands and thousands of dollars for the and thousands of dollars for the sick and less fortunate. Without the leadership of good leathermen and leatherwomen, there's no telling how much suffering would exist. Your dedication and support in helping others has been magnificent in 1994. Yes, yes yes, the leather community does care and we prove it year in and year out.

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As we move into 1995, I can As we move into 1995, I can only hope that this generous commitment to others continues. Maybe, hopefully and prayerfully, next year at this time, we can all say, "I was there for the cure."

In the meantime, have fun this New Year's Eve and be careful wherever you go. I want to see all your smiling faces in 1995. ▼











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Affairs to Remember

The Jackhammer Bar celebrated its second anniversary last night (Wednesday, Dec. 28) and distributed its stunning anniversary pin (red this year!), while the faithful flocked there for the fun, frivolity, food and fooling around. Best wishes to the Jackhammer for continued success, and thanks to John, Phil and Paul for always doing it with class!

Saturday, Dec. 31

Parties all over town. The more notable ones are, of course, at your local fave bar where hedonism is in order – with the usual amenities. The 15 Association hosts a fist-athon; call 673-0542 for invite and location. It'll cost you \$10 and B.Y.O.B.

Club Universe and Pleasuredome team up to help you cha-cha your way into 1995 with Inner City playing. It goes to about 4 a.m.

Grand opening of the French Quarter at 9th and Howard (formerly Cocktails). The dance area downstairs is called Bottoms Up, so let's see some of you do a ballet on the ceiling! Private parties all over, too, so exercise caution and travel with someone wherever you go – and whistle while you lurk!

Saturday, Jan. 7

There's supposed to be a beer bust at the Lone Star to benefit the HIV Network for Queen of the Valley Home Care Services in Napa this afternoon, but no details arrived before my deadline.

Pegasus Motorcycle Owners Club members travel to the International Metagard.

Pegasus Motorcycle Owners Club members travel to the International Motorcycle Show at the Cow Palace today, but they didn't furnish any details, either.

The Ring's first '95 workshop presentation, "Play Party Etiquette," tonight. Call (415) 522-9697 for cost, location, etc. Some of you need to attend this one in view of your actions at some of these play fests.

Thursday, Jan. 12
The 1996 Bare Chest Calendar contests kick off tonight at the SF-Eagle (at 2200); they'll be looking for Mr. January 1996. Win \$100, fame, admiration in this benefit for the AIDS Emergency Fund.

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Centaur MC Leather weekend in Washington, D.C. Hordes of leather people from around the world will converge in our nation's capital for the club's 25th anniversary and the 11th Mr. Mid-Atlantic Leather Contest. Weekend package deals are sold out, but you can get a contest only ticket (\$20) at the contest site (Tracks Bar) on Sunday, Jan. 15.
Third Annual Uniform Weekend in Portland, Oregon. Andy Mangels, publisher of In Uniform magazine, facilitates this scheduled meet & greet at the Dirty Duck on Friday from 2100 to 2300, followed by a Clippers and Play Party. On Saturday, a paintball game is followed by the Uniform Dinner at the House of Louie, then on to the PDX Eagle for the grand Uniform Party. On Sunday morning, the Cascade Bears host a Uniform Champagne Brunch at C.C. Slaughters, a beer bust at the PDX-Eagle and an At-Easel dinner at Lotsa Pasta. Tour the Portland Police Museum on Monday. The only thing the press release lacked was the cost for all this, so call (503) 228-6935 for more details, info, etc. 228-6935 for more details, info, etc.

Wednesday, Jan. 18
Premiere issue party of a new magazine, GRUF (Great Unshaven Faces), at the Lone Star tonight from 1800 to 2100. Food, drink specials and a GRUF contest. More about this new publication next week.

Leather Buddies gather tonight at 933 Harrison. No colognel Boots are mandatory. You know the rules, the time and the etiquette! ▼

Glamour and 'Wiener Blut' for New Year's '94

f you haven't yet made plans for New Year's Eve 1994, here are a few suggestions from your friends at the *B.A.R.* Whatever it is you decide to do, don't do it alone and keep the fizz, sizzle and pop to a minimum if you're the designated driver.

f nostalgia is the preferred tone of your year-end celebration, or if you simply love unadulterated glamour, spend the evening with Torill as she recreates Marlene Dietrich in Rendez-Vous with Marlene. In this musical play, Torill's Marlene discusses the star's intimate relationships with fellow stars Gary Cooper, Frank Sinatra and Ernest Hemingway, as well as her husband Rudolf Sieber, her lover Jean Gabin, and the man who discovered her, Josef von Sternberg. Watch as Torill's Dietrich wickedly flirts with both sexes in the audience and performs such memorable hits as "Falling In Love Again," "Lola-Lola," and "Lili Marlene."

Rendez-Vous With Marlene runs through Dec. 31 with showtimes Wednesday-Saturday at 8 p.m., Saturday and Sunday at 2 p.m. Tickets are now available for two champagne-filled New Year's Eve shows at 6:30 p.m. (\$50 per person) and 9:40 p.m. (\$60 per person).

If sick and twisted is more your style, you'll doubtless want to spend the evening with Kiki and Herb (Justin Bond and Kenny Mellman) as the lounge act that wouldn't die. Drunk and washed up, Kiki tries to sing her way back to youthful vibrancy while Herb tickles the ivories and tries to keep Kiki off the sauce. It's a hard job for Herb, for not only is Kiki an alcoholic, she's insane. It's not The Donna Reed Show. At Eichelberger's, 2742 17th St. The New Year's Eve Show is \$25. For more information, call 863-4177.

Along similar lines, the Marsh will feature its hilariously inane and cheesy send-up of Karen and Richard Carpenter in The Karen Carpenter Christmas (see review in this issue). All those putrid tunes from yesteryear are coming back to haunt us, including "We've Only Just Begun," "Superstar" and "On Top of the World." Gotta see it to believe it.

New Year's revelers can limbo their way into the new year the "Limbaugh way" by celebrating New Year's Eve with right-wing radio personality Rush Limbaugh and the 20 other characters satirized in Charlie Varon's solo performance show Rush Limbaugh in Night School. A special New Year's Eve Party follows the 8:30 p.m. performance on the 31st. Merry-makers will usher in the new year with dancing, champagne and cake. Patrons who come "disguised as their favorite radio personalities" are eligible for special prizes. It's all happening at The Marsh, 1062 Valencia St. in San Francisco. 8:30 p.m. call 641-0235 for tickets and information.

A pure sound sensation is in the offing at Club Universe and Pleasuredome on the last night of '94 as spinmasters Aaron O, Jan Cooley, Jerry Bonham, Blackstone, & Neil Lewis launch a midnight music extravaganza featuring a live

performance by Inner City, one of the hottest crossover acts working the club scene today. Tickets are \$20 and are available at Headlines. \$25 at the door. Call 985-5256 for tickets and information. Doors open at 9:30 p.m. and close at 9:30 a.m. (Must be 21 years of age.)

Something a bit more sedate (but festive nonetheless) will be unfolding over at Davies Symphony Hall as the San Francisco Symphony presents its annual "Night in Old Vienna, a Viennese New Year's Greetings." Erich Blinder conducts the SF Symphony in an evening of waltzes, polkas and other musical confections from the Strausses, Franz Lehar and others. Soprano Cheryl Parrish is the guest soloist in this evening of champagne and Wiener Blut. (9 p.m.) A gala party follows the concert. For tickets and information, call 864-6000.

In 1964, Audrey Hepburn and elegant Rex Harrison teamed up with George Cukor to make one of the most stylish musical comedies of the '60s, My Fair Lady. The film has recently been cleaned up by two enterprising LA producers, and footage that was thought to be lost to all time has been restored. See this classic at the Castro Theatre at 4:30 and 8 p.m. on the 31st.

Speaking of Fair Ladies, if you're in the Polk Gulch area on the eve of '94, make sure to stroll into a few of the local bars and sample the local color. You'll discover, doubtless, a bounty of splendors. Most of the neighborhood clubs are planning festivities, but the best place to be on the 31st is Kimo's, where Sweet Lips, Tacky Hacky, Swizzlestick Suzie and all their friends will be on the plank, hurling glasses, insults and having a tres gay time.

If techno wizardry is the order of the night, we recommend George Coates Performance Works where Coates is currently showing off his latest extravaganza, The Nowhere Band. Coates' latest features comic actor Kurt Reinhardt, lead guitarist Adlai Alexander, operatic vocalist Lorene Spain and a cast of virtuoso performers who go "on-line" in search of a small child's lost magic bird. Tickets are \$28-45 and the show starts at 10 p.m. Call 863-4130 for information.

Over at the Center for the Arts, acclaimed pop singer Chaka Khan will join Dimensions Dance Theatre and other performers in a Kwanzaa/New Year's Celebration to benefit Jubilee West Inc. The fun starts at 9 p.m. with Chaka Khan taking the stage at midnight. Runs until 2 a.m. with a post-concert party, dancing and lavish buffet in the Forum. Tickets for the evening are \$125 per person, or \$200 per couple. (Tickets for the reception and Chaka Khan show only are \$75 per person.) Call 978-ARTS for tickets.

Happy New Year! ▼





Charlie Varon in Rush Limbaugh in Night School, top, and Torill in Rendez-Vous With Marlene, left.

BOOKS

Deeper Into Oscar

The Stranger Wilde: Interpreting Oscar by Gary Schmidgall; Dutton,

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"A few Scandinavian Kings and a much-coveted statuette aside, there is only one Oscar," writes Gary Schmidgall at the start of his wonderful new book, The Stranger Wilde: Interpreting Oscar.

There have been many biographies of Wilde, and some have even dealt with his homosexuality, usually only glancingly however, and then only in conjunction with his trial and conviction. The most comprehensive biography, Richard Ellman's nearly definitive 1988 opus, deals with Wilde's sexuality as one of his masks.

Ellman's nearly definitive 1988 opus, deals with Wilde's sexuality as one of his masks. Two other works about Wilde I've enjoyed go further into gay specifics. Neil Bartlett's 1988 Who Was That Man is an inventive reverie and a brilliant discourse that attempts to illuminate the links between Wilde and the gay man of today. Ed Cohen's 1993 Talk on the Wilde Side betrays its origins as a doctoral thesis by being larded with academic jargon, but that doesn't lessen the value of its semantic and sociological insight.

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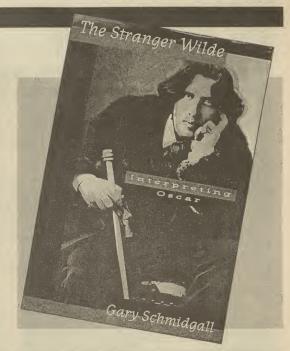
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trailblazing in its application of post-Stonewall gay sensibility to historical events, as witty as it is informative, as deeply reasoned as it is deeply felt, and from its initiating concept, gay.

The Stranger Wilde is hardly a conventional biography. Schmidgall left that to Ellman and others. As never before, this book is a revelation of Oscar Wilde as a gay man. With Wilde's gaiety as the center of his personality, the motivating factor of his every endeavor, The Stranger Wilde reveals a Wilde we've never seen before. It's amazing how contemporary this Oscar reality is, so ahead of his time that we can almost understand why he was crucified by the prudish society he was forced to inhabit.

Professor Schmidgall, a Village Voice journalist, and a scholar of comparative literature,

nalist, and a scholar of comparative literature, provides a full sense of Oscar's gift for language and its witty deployment with no little skill of his own. He takes us far into the mind of the man whose thoughts are uncannily mirrored in man whose thoughts are uncannly mirrored in our deepest gay identity, and he delves painfully into the reasons for the war that society waged against Oscar – a war that is still being waged against his descendants. Schmidgall's Oscar becomes so human that our pain for him is great; this playful, entertaining book is at its heart a sad celebration. And that was Oscar. ▼



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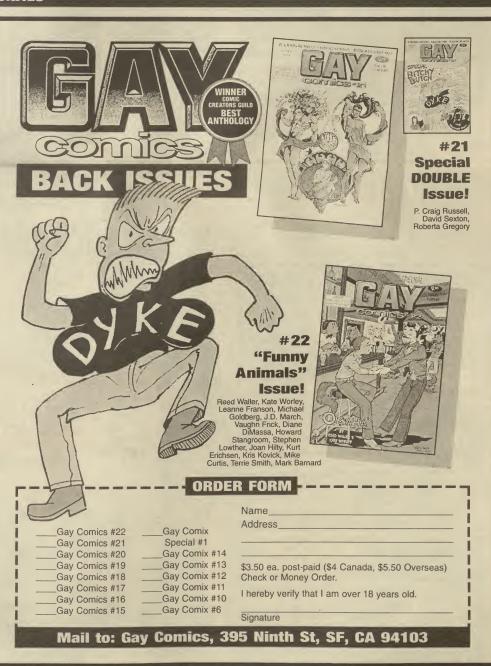
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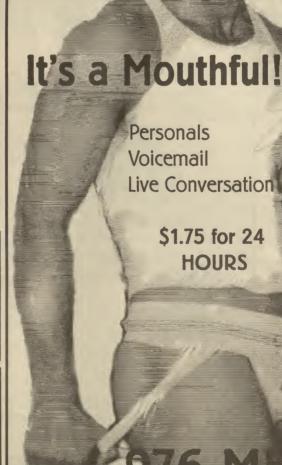
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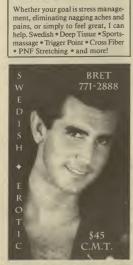
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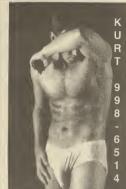


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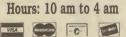
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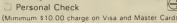
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